



**'I don't want to be deaf mummy'**  
PAGE 18

**WILLIAM REES-MOGG**  
Will the First Lady be indicted?  
PAGE 20

## BEST FOR BOOKS

Anita Brookner on familiar territory  
Martin Gilbert on Elie Wiesel's memoirs  
Roy Foster on Irish literature, PAGES 40, 41

## NEW FILMS

Michelle Pfeiffer's newsroom weepie  
PAGE 37

**WANTED**  
■ Engineer.....100K  
■ HR Director.....80K  
■ Analyst.....70K  
■ Head of IT.....40K  
**TOP JOBS**  
SECTION 3

## Blair admits smacking his children – and feeling remorse

By ALICE THOMSON  
POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BLAIR who has always claimed to be "tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime", has been applying the same principles at home.

The Labour Leader admitted yesterday that he smacked his children and believed corporal punishment was an appropriate tool to help to maintain discipline.

The admission to *Parent Magazine* has delighted Right-wing Tories who are thrilled that the Labour leader has joined a select band of parliamentary smackers, including Victoria Bottomley and Baroness Thatcher.

But his own politically correct backbenchers are more censorious and see it as a mild blot on his moral reputation.

Mr Blair, who has three children, Euan, 12, Nicholas, ten, and

Kathryn, eight, said: "When they were little I smacked them occasionally if they were really naughty or did something nasty to another child."

He said he felt some remorse. "I always regretted it because there are lots of ways of disciplining a child and I don't believe that belting them is the best one." But he added: "It was easier as a schoolboy and it probably did me no harm."

Mr Blair justified smacking by

saying: "There is a clear dividing line between administering discipline on the one hand and violence on the other, which most parents understand perfectly well. The important point is to discipline your children, because they must realise that there are some things they can't do."

The Labour leader said that being a father was far harder work than being a politician. Asked if he ever got cross, he said: "When my

children don't do what they are told." He said: "They do all the things that I used to be absolutely dreadful about as a child, like answering back or not tidying their rooms... I think it is important to enforce a code of conduct."

Now that Mr Blair has spilled the beans on his children's upbringing they will not be able to do a Party Reagan and write a best-seller about being abused as a child.

But, like Mrs Bottomley, Mr Blair made it very clear he hit them only because he cared.

In a three-page colour spread filled with pictures of his wife and children having breakfast and playing in the garden, Mr Blair expounded the virtues of family values.

He said he would never forget the moment he became a parent and said watching the birth of two of his children was "a great thrill".

He said Cherie Blair was a "brilliant mum," and said he tried to spend at least two evenings a week with the family playing football, reading or helping with their homework.

Labour MPs were publicly remaining silent, having been reprimanded for making their views clear on Mr Blair sending his child to a grant-maintained school. Members of the shadow Cabinet.

Continued on page 2, col 5

## Britain defies Brussels over Euro veto

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHARLES BREMNER AND ROGER BOYES

BRITAIN'S battle with the European Union over beef turned into a defiant stand-off last night after Brussels refused to make any further moves towards lifting the general export ban until John Major ends his policy of non-cooperation.

The European Commission agreed, as expected, to end the embargo on beef by-products, but Jacques Santer launched a fierce attack on Britain's "absurd" stance, which he claimed was breaking the EU's founding treaty.

He spoke after a majority of the 20 commissioners had reluctantly followed their legal obligations and ended the smaller ban while demanding that Mr Santer take tougher action against Britain. Some wanted the Government to be taken to court.

Downing Street, however, insisted that there would be no climbdown. Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, said: "The policy has been made clear by the Prime Minister and that policy remains in place until the circumstances which relate to it – and which he set out so clearly in the House of Commons – has been constructive addressed."

Britain also seemed ready to threaten legal action against Germany, which said it would not lift even the ban on tallow, gelatine and bull semen. Malcolm Rifkind, in Bonn on a cross-Europe "charm offensive" that appeared rapidly to be turning sour, said that any unilateral ban would violate European law.

Germany has said that it will not ease its embargo on British beef products until the federal decree comes up for review in September – and even if it did, the 16 federal states would almost certainly impose their own curbs.

The German stance put it, too, on a collision course with the Commission. But it was the stalemate on the main ban that was causing most alarm last night. Some Conservative MEPs called for a "gradual de-escalation" of the non-cooperation policy to help agreement on a staged removal of the ban, and business leaders warned the Prime Minister

Article 5 of the Treaty of Rome says:

"Member states shall take all appropriate measures, whether general or particular, to ensure fulfilment of the obligations arising out of this Treaty or resulting from action taken by the institutions of the Community."

"They shall facilitate the achievement of the Community's tasks. They shall abstain from any measure which could jeopardise the attainment of the objectives of this Treaty."

that the crisis could disrupt other trade. Niall Fitzgerald, the chairman of the CBI's Europe committee, said that careless Euro-sceptic talk could cost jobs.

Mr Rifkind and Douglas Hogg, the agriculture minister, were meanwhile touring Europe trying to get agreement on a "framework" for ending the whole ban, but Mr Santer seemed to rule out any chance of that, and the Florence summit later this month is now at serious risk of chaos.

Mr Santer claimed yesterday that Britain's blocking tactics were against the "spirit and letter" of the Treaty of Rome, whose Article 5 requires member states to facilitate the smooth running of the Union.

Britain was "distancing itself from the heart of Europe", he said, and now that Brussels

had met its obligations over the by-products, the Commission expected "an immediate de-escalation from its position of conflict."

"In the absence of such immediate de-escalation, further work concerning a general framework of cooperation for achieving... a later lifting of the embargo would risk being seriously affected."

Mr Santer did not want the "surrender" of Britain. "We are not at war," he said. "We want the United Kingdom, as the Prime Minister said, to be at the heart of Europe. With these (blocking) procedures, this cannot be achieved."

Mr Santer added that he had given his warning to Mr Rifkind on Tuesday and urged Britain to consider its implications. Emphasising what he deems the futility of Britain's action, he added that he knew "for sure" that the other members would have lifted the by-products ban on Monday had Britain not adopted its obstructionist policy.

In the event, the decision was handed back to the Commission – and even the minor concession won yesterday was more modest than it appeared because of the conditions attached. About a third of the tallow produced in Britain is used to make soap, but the heat treatments required will make it impossible to produce many of the right quality.

Even taken at face value, the end of the by-products ban will free only £34 million of exports – the market for bull semen, for example, raises less than £1 million a year. This compares with beef exports worth £520 million and live cattle exports worth £70 million, which remain blocked.

Diplomats now expect Britain and its partners to remain deadlocked at least until Florence. Officials said the crisis could be defused through a political agreement on a broad framework, without any dates attached, which would then go through the EU's formal decision-making machinery. At the least, this means months before any further easing of the ban.

Letters, page 21  
Photograph, page 24



Roy Benson training on the beach at Cliftonville near Margate in Kent yesterday

## Ices for penguins as sun shines at last

By RUSSELL JENKINS

BRITAIN enjoyed the warmest day of the year yesterday as most of the country enjoyed the high 70s, with some favoured south coast resorts basking in the low 80s. Today is likely to be even hotter.

The warm spell, due to high pressure moving north from Italy and the Mediterranean, comes after one of the coldest springs on record – so chilly that birds have failed to breed and flowers have been slow to blossom.

Yesterday the highest temperature – 82F (27.7C) – was recorded at Gravesend, Kent and the London Weather Centre said today will be generally warmer. A few showers and cooler weather are expected tomorrow evening and on Saturday, "but it

## IRA arms threat to peace talks

The future of the Northern Ireland peace process was in doubt last night after the IRA said that no weapons would be handed over before an overall political settlement.

The statement came as John Major and the Irish Prime Minister John Bruton attempted to end the deadlock on moves towards disarmament proposals.

Page 2

## Duchess signs \$1.3m book deal

The Duchess of York signed a \$1.3 million (£838,000) deal in New York last night for the publication of her autobiography, despite agreeing to a confidentiality clause in her recent divorce.

Under the deal with Simon & Schuster, the US publisher of her *Bridget* series, the book will be published in Britain and America later this year.

Forecast, page 24

You can take out an unsecured Personal Loan for any reason with Hamilton Direct Bank, a division of HFC Bank plc and take advantage of our attractive fixed rates:

## UNSECURED PERSONAL LOANS

At only 13.8% APR\*

look at what our lowest rate

ever could do for you

	12 MONTHS	24 MONTHS	36 MONTHS	48 MONTHS
Maximum Unsecured	£134.33	£5,448.32	£13.8%	
Minimum Unsecured	£14.63	£7,086.25	19.9%	
Unsecured Credit Card	£142.65	£6,847.20	17.6%	
Max & Secured	£138.76	£6,660.48	15.9%	

You can take out an unsecured Personal Loan for any reason with Hamilton Direct Bank, a division of HFC Bank plc and take advantage of our attractive fixed rates:

\*13.8% APR

on unsecured Personal Loans from £5,000 to £10,000.

\*15.9% APR

on unsecured Personal Loans from £500 to £4,999.

\*Rates are correct as at 16/05/96.

HAMILTON

Direct Bank

A division of HFC Bank plc

We have the money to hand.

TO APPLY CALL FREE ON  
0800 30 3000

Quoting ref: 91430/100

Hamilton Direct Bank can be found on Web site <http://www.hdb.co.uk>. \*For generally available Personal Loans, 12 month minimum term. Interest payable on a monthly basis. \*\*Secured credit card. \*\*\*15.9% APR. Unsecured credit card. \*\*\*\*13.8% APR. Unsecured credit card. \*\*\*\*\*19.9% APR. Unsecured credit card. All loans are subject to status. You must be aged 18 years or over and in receipt of a regular income. The maximum loan is £500. For your security and to improve our service to you, we may record or monitor calls made to and from Hamilton Direct Bank, a division of HFC Bank plc, an authorised institution under the Banking Act 1987. Registered office: North Street, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF4 4TD. Registered in England No 1117305

## Scientists reduce football match to total chaos

By NIGEL HAWKES  
SCIENCE EDITOR

AS IF Terry Venables, the England coach, did not have enough to worry about in the run-up to Euro 96, sports scientists from Wales are now urging him to adopt more chaotic tactics.

According to their research, the mathematics of chaos theory can be applied to football. In essence, the tactic involves disrupting the well-established patterns of play by injecting the unexpected, something that good coaches may have already worked out for themselves. Keith

Lyons and Mike Hughes of the University of Wales Institute in Cardiff have collected a mass of data from football matches, modelling patterns of play on a computer by noting every action taken by the players.

"Successful teams exhibit patterns of play," Dr Hughes, an Everton fan, told *New Scientist*. "Their actions show invariance which provides football with a pre-ordained course. Yet amid the patterns there are perhaps four or five occasions when the game deviates from this rigid structure."

The secret, he says, is exploiting these chaotic moments or perturba-

tions. And by studying the patterns of an opposing team's play, it should be possible to devise the perturbations most likely to disrupt it.

His data goes back for more than ten years, and includes details of every action taken by the players. From this a team's pattern of play can be modelled.

"These are the patterns these players feel comfortable with and with which they create dangerous attacks," says Dr Hughes. "We can use this information to enable opponents to upset these patterns."

Dr Hughes admits that it hardly

needs chaos theory to identify that moments of genius win matches. But he says that the advantage of notational analysis is that it identifies what is obvious or invariant in a match.

"When you can see the orderliness, it is easier to identify the ripples of player-induced chaos that upset those patterns," he says.

Dr Hughes is more optimistic than some about England's prospects. "The most critical time for England will be when they play Scotland, because that's going to be absolute chaos."

Czech mates, page 48

23  
TV & RADIO ..... 46, 47  
WEATHER ..... 24  
CROSSWORDS ..... 24, 48

LETTERS ..... 21  
OBITUARIES ..... 23  
WILLIAM REES-MOGG 20

ARTS ..... 37-39  
CHESS & BRIDGE ..... 42  
COURT & SOCIAL ..... 22

SPORT ..... 42-46, 48  
BODY & MIND ..... 18  
LAW REPORT ..... 36



# Bosom of liberty blanches at Lady Astor's bust

POINTS of order in the Commons yesterday featured the opening skirmishes of the War of Nancy Astor's Bust. At least, Madam Speaker thought it was her bust. Tony Arklow (C, Northampton North) said it was a plaque. David Harris (C, St Ives) alighted it a hideous memorial. And it was Mr Harris who raised the subject. He had asked through the "No" division lobby to vote on the previous evening, he told the speaker. There he had seen a new ornament: a hideous memorial to Nancy Astor, the first woman MP to her eat in the House of Commons. It was inappropriate.

"We do not want our lobbies turned into pale imitations of the aisles at Westminster Abbey, with all sorts of memorials sprouting all over the place."

There were loud cheers from a number of Tory males. Normally a mild man, Harris seemed to have struck a chord. Few, if any, of his colleagues will remember Nancy Astor, but they all know Terese Gorman (C, Billericay), Edwina Currie (C, Derbyshire South) and Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (C, Lancaster) and legend has it that Lady Astor was a fearsome combination of all three — and then some. "I married

beneath me. All women do," she once said.

One suspected yesterday that the objection was not just to busts in general, but to Lady Astor's in particular. Indeed, for Nancy Astor's ghost Wednesday was a troubled day. Minutes earlier, miner's son and unreconstructed Scottish male Jimmy Hood (Lab, Clydesdale) had seized the opportunity offered by a question on inward investment in Scotland to raise the subject of prostitution. Was it not a disgrace, he

rumbled, that the Scottish Nationalist Party were proposing to "commercialise prostitution"? I think Mr Hood meant "legalise".

The Scottish Nationalists, he declared, would turn Scotland "into the greatest little whorehouse in Europe". There was a shocked silence, broken by the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, bumbling something about how this proved that the Nationalists were very left-wing.

It is disillusioning for those of us who have tried to cleave to the principles of classical economic liberalism to see, one by one, our idols fall. First Michael Portillo sells out to

jingoism; then John Redwood starts blethering about the Royal Yacht Britannia; Teresa Gorman degenerates into a populist; and now Michael Forsyth calls the deregulation of the sex market "left-wing".

As a one-time libertarian and prophet of the free market, Mr Forsyth should be ashamed. Lacking the courage to face the question, he might at least have had the wit to turn it aside with the remark that the Scots Nats seemed to have overtaken even the Tories in their enthusiasm for market forces.

Margaret Ewing (SNP, Moray) rose "Woohoo!" chorused the schoolboy ten-

dency on both sides. "Revert to the issue of inward investment ...," began Mrs Ewing, with dignity. "Aaaa," signed the disappointed boys.

You could imagine Nancy Astor's bust quivering with rage in the "No" lobby.

The bronze plaque of Lady Astor commissioned by her son David, a former editor of the Observer, was made by Michael Rizello, a London sculptor. Mr Astor commissioned the work after a dinner to mark the 70th anniversary of his mother's election.

"Someone said that there was nothing to mark the fact that she was the first woman in the house," he said.

## Computer may have misguided Ariane

A computer fault may have been responsible for the failure of the Ariane 5 rocket. Officials with the European and French space agencies said preliminary findings indicated that wrong information caused booster nozzles to swivel and steer the rocket off course as it approached supersonic speed over French Guiana. Ground controllers then ordered its destruction.

The possibility of a computer fault — either because of a flaw or because false information was sent from another electrical system such as the guidance or altitude units — was hailed as good news by officials with the agency and ArianeSpace, the commercial company due to take over running of Ariane 5. A design fault in the rocket's propulsion system would be far harder to rectify.

## Mass conversion

The biggest mass conversion to date by a Church of England congregation has been recorded by a Roman Catholic church in east London, reports the Catholic Herald. Nearly 120 Anglicans from St Matthew's, Bethnal Green, including their curate, the Rev Stephen Willis, have been received into the Catholic church.

## Fish quota call

Britain will not cut its fishing fleet until Brussels tackles quota-hopping by foreign fishermen. Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, told MPs last night. He said the European Commission's call for cuts of 40 per cent was unacceptable; 20 per cent of the offshore fleet was wholly or part owned by foreign interests whose catches were part of UK quotas.

## Exhibition saved

British Airways has come to the rescue of the Millennium Exhibition, planned for Greenwich. After an emergency meeting called by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, to raise private-sector finance for the scheme, Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chairman, said the company would support the event "significantly".

## Ecstasy danger

Ecstasy is now the main drug causing emergency admissions for psychiatric treatment, according to a study published today. More than two-thirds of 390 drug-related admissions to a psychiatric intensive care unit were for Ecstasy and all these involved people under 25 years old, says a report in the *Nursing Standard*.

## Coe promoted

Sebastian Coe, MP, a former Olympic athletics champion, is to enter the Government as a junior whip. He replaces Gary Streeter, who earlier this week became junior minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department when Jonathan Evans went to the Welsh Office to replace Rod Richards, who resigned over allegations that he was having an affair.

## Police ambushed

Police were pelted with petrol bombs and stones after being lured into an ambush by masked men who called 999 and claimed that rioters were looting shops. Detectives in Leeds suspect the attack could have been an attempt at retaliation by local criminals in response to a campaign against crime in the Woodhouse district of the city.

## Shrimp apes bee

The first marine species to live in a colony like bees has been found in the crevices of a tropical sponge. The snapping shrimp lives in groups of up to 300 off Belize. The colony is dominated by a single queen who is responsible for all reproduction. The larger members of the colony do not breed but act as soldiers, defending the group.

Jewish PC wins case over racial prejudice

## IRA weapons statement threatens peace process

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY  
AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE future of the Northern Ireland peace process was in doubt last night after the IRA aid that no weapons would be handed over ahead of an overall political settlement.

The IRA statement, which spoke that there would be a ceasefire before Monday's pending talks, coincided with fresh dispute over the all-party talks. Ministers were urged to abandon plans to announce details of an agreement between London and Dublin when discussions stalled yesterday morning.

John Major and John Hutton, the Irish Prime Minister, were due to hold urgent discussions to try to resolve the dispute. They are hoping

for agreement today but officials admit there is no guarantee that differences can be ironed out.

After 16 hours of intensive talks between the two governments on Tuesday, ministers thought they had resolved problems over the destruction of terrorist weapons and who should chair the various parts of the talks. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Dick Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, emerged

from talks early yesterday morning to predict a joint statement later in the day.

However hopes of a breakthrough collapsed after a furiously reaction from Ulster Unionists and British ministers thought they had resolved problems over the destruction of terrorist weapons and who should chair the various parts of the talks.

London made clear yesterday that it would not give ground to demands to allow Senator George Mitchell, President Clinton's envoy, to chair the so-called "strand

Leading article, page 21



Smacking family: Mr Blair with children Kathryn, 8, Nicholas, 10, and Euan, 12.

## Blair admits smacking

Continued from page 1

whose recent public disagreements have forced Mr Blair to speak firmly to them, were distinctly nervous — possibly worried that their youthful *pater familias* may now consider using an even firmer line in future.

But one senior Labour backbencher said: "This is one right-wing view too far. The argument against hitting infants was won years ago. Everyone knows it breeds aggressive children."

Mr Blair's office was immediately inundated by calls from irate children's organisations.

Peter Newell, the co-ordinator of Epoch (End Physical Violence For Children), which aims to outlaw smacking said:

"A hundred years ago political leaders got away with hitting their wives. Today they would be condemned. In a hundred years' time we will be horrified that a Labour leader admitted smacking a child."

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said: "The NSPCC understands the stresses parents and carers face, but believes that smacking is not an effective or appropriate discipline of disabled children."

But surveys show that Mr Blair is not in a minority. About 90 per cent of parents in Britain say they have hit their children and his admission met much sympathy from some celebrity parents interviewed by *The Times*.

## Race ban

Continued from page 1

a comparable standard in shorter events. So the organisers of this year's Flora London Marathon gave each one of the 250 champion chips distributed to special competitors. These minute electronic gadgets clip onto the laces of running shoes and record split times in a central computer.

However, after the event on April 21, Mr Benson told the organisers that he had arrived eight minutes late for the start and, in his haste, had inadvertently left the chip in his car.

Miss Catlin said that she did not wear the gadget because she did not want to be responsible for losing it and paying £20 to replace it.

Mr Benson runs regularly barefoot in the sea off the Kent coast. He said that, because of the "difficulties" that the organisers had faced, he had not object if any award were transferred to another runner.

He added: "To me it has been a great privilege to take part in the London Marathon and that is reward in itself. I would like to run in the event next year and show everyone once again, that I am capable of this time."

Miss Catlin said she had raised about £30,000 for charity in her 19-race marathon career. This year, she was collecting for the British Heart Foundation. She said: "I am upset that I have been excluded. I ran all the way."

Members of the Commons Defence Select Committee had already expressed strong disapproval of the sell-off scheme, and Mr Arlthnuth's disclosure that after 25 years the purchaser would be able to redevelop certain sites for private sale.

When Frank Cook, Labour MP for Stockton North, asked whether it was true that the four bidders shortlisted were all foreign — two from America, one Dutch and one Japanese, Mr Arlthnuth said it was a commercially confidential matter.

Earlier Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, told Mr Arlthnuth he believed the proposal to sell the homes to a private consortium was a "nonsense". "I know it would mean a great deal of embarrassment if this could be reversed but frankly, as a member of this committee since 1979, and having witnessed many insanities by the MoD, this has got to be the greatest Pythonesque insanity ever."

Mr Arlthnuth said that although the future buyer would be able to redevelop certain sites after 25 years of leasehold ownership, it would have to provide alternative housing close by.

He announced, however, a new condition. The MoD would be able to issue a "ministerial certificate" to stop a site being redeveloped after 25 years if it would have an adverse effect on military operational effectiveness.

It was revealed in *The Times* last month that the Japanese bank Nomura International is on the shortlist.

Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme, described Mr Arlthnuth's response as an outrage.

He said: "I am hiding such information would not be allowed in the United States.

He told Michael Colvin, the committee chairman: "We

need to assert our position as a committee to obtain that information. It is an outrage that it should even be suggested that it be denied to this committee."

Mr Arlthnuth agreed to give the information to the MPs privately.

Earlier Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, told Mr Arlthnuth he believed the proposal to sell the homes to a private consortium was a "nonsense".

"I know it would mean a great deal of embarrassment if this could be reversed but frankly, as a member of this committee since 1979, and having witnessed many insanities by the MoD, this has got to be the greatest Pythonesque insanity ever."

Mr Arlthnuth said that although the future buyer would be able to redevelop certain sites after 25 years of leasehold ownership, it would have to provide alternative housing close by.

He announced, however, a new condition. The MoD would be able to issue a "ministerial certificate" to stop a site being redeveloped after 25 years if it would have an adverse effect on military operational effectiveness.

It was revealed in *The Times* last month that the Japanese bank Nomura International is on the shortlist.

Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme, described Mr Arlthnuth's response as an outrage.

He said: "I am hiding such information would not be allowed in the United States.

He told Michael Colvin, the committee chairman: "We

need to assert our position as a committee to obtain that information. It is an outrage that it should even be suggested that it be denied to this committee."

Mr Arlthnuth agreed to give the information to the MPs privately.

Earlier Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, told Mr Arlthnuth he believed the proposal to sell the homes to a private consortium was a "nonsense".

"I know it would mean a great deal of embarrassment if this could be reversed but frankly, as a member of this committee since 1979, and having witnessed many insanities by the MoD, this has got to be the greatest Pythonesque insanity ever."

Mr Arlthnuth said that although the future buyer would be able to redevelop certain sites after 25 years of leasehold ownership, it would have to provide alternative housing close by.

He announced, however, a new condition. The MoD would be able to issue a "ministerial certificate" to stop a site being redeveloped after 25 years if it would have an adverse effect on military operational effectiveness.

It was revealed in *The Times* last month that the Japanese bank Nomura International is on the shortlist.

Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme, described Mr Arlthnuth's response as an outrage.

He said: "I am hiding such information would not be allowed in the United States.

He told Michael Colvin, the committee chairman: "We

need to assert our position as a committee to obtain that information. It is an outrage that it should even be suggested that it be denied to this committee."

Mr Arlthnuth agreed to give the information to the MPs privately.

Earlier Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, told Mr Arlthnuth he believed the proposal to sell the homes to a private consortium was a "nonsense".

"I know it would mean a great deal of embarrassment if this could be reversed but frankly, as a member of this committee since 1979, and having witnessed many insanities by the MoD, this has got to be the greatest Pythonesque insanity ever."

Mr Arlthnuth said that although the future buyer would be able to redevelop certain sites after 25 years of leasehold ownership, it would have to provide alternative housing close by.

He announced, however, a new condition. The MoD would be able to issue a "ministerial certificate" to stop a site being redeveloped after 25 years if it would have an adverse effect on military operational effectiveness.

It was revealed in *The Times* last month that the Japanese bank Nomura International is on the shortlist.

Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme, described Mr Arlthnuth's response as an outrage.

He said: "I am hiding such information would not be allowed in the United States.

He told Michael Colvin, the committee chairman: "We

need to assert our position as a committee to obtain that information. It is an outrage that it should even be suggested that it be denied to this committee."

Mr Arlthnuth agreed to give the information to the MPs privately.

Earlier Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, told Mr Arlthnuth he believed the proposal to sell the homes to a private consortium was a "nonsense".

"I know it would mean a great deal of embarrassment if this could be reversed but frankly, as a member of this committee since 1979, and having witnessed many insanities by the MoD, this has got to be the greatest Pythonesque insanity ever."

Mr Arlthnuth said that although the future buyer would be able to redevelop certain sites after 25 years of leasehold ownership, it would have to provide alternative housing close by.

He announced, however, a new condition. The MoD would be able to issue a "ministerial certificate" to stop a site being redeveloped after 25 years if it would have an adverse effect on military operational effectiveness.

It was revealed in *The Times* last month that the Japanese bank Nomura International is on the shortlist.

Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme, described Mr Arlthnuth's response as an outrage.

He said: "I am hiding such information would not be allowed in the United States.

He told Michael Colvin, the committee chairman: "We</



Thomas to retire early

## Jewish PC wins case over racial prejudice

By RICHARD FORD

A JEWISH police officer who suffered two years of anti-Semitic taunts won thousands of pounds in compensation yesterday from the Metropolitan Police.

PC Paul Thomas was awarded the money after an industrial tribunal found that he was discriminated against on racial grounds.

Mr Thomas, 40, agreed the terms and amount of compensation during a hearing at an industrial tribunal in central London. As part of the deal, he is forbidden from making any further comment on the matter or revealing details of the settlement. It is understood, however, that the payment is a five-figure sum.

Mr Thomas's case had been funded initially by the Commission for Racial Equality and then the Police Federation, which told Mr Thomas on Tuesday that it would not carry on with funding his case.

Mr Thomas plans to retire from the Metropolitan Police next month after being on sick leave for almost two years.

The settlement followed a hearing last year in which Mr Thomas said that he contracted bulimia nervosa, the slimmer's ailment, after being abused and mocked for following Jewish dietary rules while serving at Chiswick police station in west London.

The tribunal stated in its judgment: "We accept officers more senior than Mr Thomas are aware that he was called Hymie and Moses and are surprised they were prepared to wait to be asked in to do something about it."

## Peter Phillips to be questioned about bar brawl

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Princess Royal's son, Peter Phillips, is expected to be asked by police and teachers about an alleged brawl involving local youths and upper-sixth boys from Gordonstoun, the independent school where he and his sister Zara are pupils.

There is no suggestion that Peter was involved, but as Guardion, or head boy, he is expected to liaise with the authorities.

A man whose jaw was broken during the fighting said that Peter, who has gained a place in the Scotland under-18 rugby squad, was among about 20 boys who were eating and drinking in an American theme bar at Elgin, Grampian, when the trouble started. Grampian Police confirmed yesterday that they were investigating an alleged assault.

George More, 20, said that he was taken to hospital in Elgin with a broken jaw after one of the boys hit him in the face with a bottle. Mr More, who was transferred to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, where a metal plate was fitted to his jaw, said that he had been drinking with about ten

# Holiday girl, 5, swept out to sea on beach stroll

By JOANNA BALE

A GIRL aged five was feared drowned yesterday after being swept away by a high tide while on holiday in Cornwall. Rebecca Ramsey was on an evening stroll at Sandymouth Bay, near Bude, with her mother's boyfriend, John Seaman, 52, and his son Matthew, 25, when they were cut off by the tide and carried into the sea.

The men managed to scramble onto rocks and were rescued by coastguards, but the girl disappeared. Two holidaymakers raised the alarm after seeing the men in the sea on Tuesday.

The girl's mother, Susan Ramsey, 44, watched from Stowe cliffs overlooking the beach, as coastguards and an RAF helicopter searched rough seas for two hours.

John Ramsey, 52, Rebecca's father, said last night: "She loved the sea. I would take her to the beach and she would be overjoyed. I just wish I had been with her. I know that coastline, I know how dangerous it can be. I don't blame the guys. I am sure they did all they could."

"She was a beautiful, loving girl; a real character. She was at that wonderful age where she was interested in everything."

Mr Ramsey, a salesman, separated from Rebecca's mother four years ago but looked after his daughter every other weekend. "All I can



The cliffs overlooking Sandymouth Bay

remember is her hugging and kissing me," he said. "She was so full of energy. I have not spoken to Susan and I believe she is under sedation at the hospital. She will be destroyed. She died on Rebecca just like I did."

A police spokesman said: "The group were swept away in rough seas and it was a case of every man for himself. We will be interviewing the men to find out exactly what happened."

Gordon Whatley, a Falmouth coastguard spokesman, said: "After we rescued the men we were made aware of a missing girl. Apparently the three were stranded when the tide came in."

The helicopter and lifeboat were scrambled but we couldn't find anyone. Cornwall is known for its coves and caves but the tides can be very dangerous."

A warning about beach safety was issued by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents yesterday. Malcolm Ellis, a spokesman, said extra care should be taken when walking on coasts not visited before. He also advised holidaymakers to check the times of tides.

At Sandymouth Bay, which is popular with surfers, the tide comes in rapidly to the foot of the cliffs. "What may look a very pleasant spot can become an extremely dangerous spot in a very short time," Mr Ellis said.



Rebecca Ramsey went missing after being cut off by waves during a walk on the north Cornwall coast. Coastguards and an RAF helicopter failed to find her body

## Killer GP needed more care says widow

By TIM JONES

A DOCTOR who had killed his daughter was able to commit suicide while being held in a secure unit, despite his wife warning staff that he needed special care, it was claimed yesterday.

Jane Alesworth told an inquest that her husband Patrick, 49, had attempted to kill himself several times. The GP had been committed to the secure Wallingford Clinic at Fairmile Hospital, Cheltenham, Oxford, after being convicted of the manslaughter of his daughter Sara, 20, whom he bludgeoned to death at their home in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Last September he was found hanging from a tree with a rope made from strips of shredded trousers after he was allowed to walk alone in the grounds for half an hour.

Mrs Alesworth, 50, told the Oxford inquest that the family had been very supportive towards her husband: "I went to see him about once a week and my younger daughter came with me. I spoke to him most days on the phone. His sister and parents visited regularly."

His suicide attempts, and his anxiety, had usually coincided with her absences, she said. Days before his death, she learnt he had been discovered tearing up his trousers in his room: "Because I was going away for a few days, I rang the unit to say I knew what had happened and said to make sure to take bloody good care of him."

Patricia Kent, a nursing assistant, agreed she had taken the call from Mrs Alesworth but denied she had requested special care: "She just said she knew he had done something naughty."

Dr Henrietta Bullard, a consultant forensic psychiatrist, said Dr Alesworth had been allowed to continue his unescorted walks 24 hours after he had been discovered tearing the trousers into strips.

"It was a substantial change in that he was free to possibly commit suicide," Dr Bullard said. "But he was also free to be trusted and make progress. We didn't regard his unescorted parole as being a risk." The inquest continues.

## Honeymoon is over for groom who never had cancer

By CAROL MIDGLEY

A BRIDEGROOM who was showered with money and gifts after announcing he might die of cancer days after his wedding never had the disease, doctors said yesterday.

The Queen Alexandra Hospital at Cosham, Hampshire, issued a statement that Paul Challis was suffering

from an ear infection — not cancer of the cranium as he had claimed — after he was seen being married on regional television.

Mr Challis, 28, and Katy Webster, 18, enjoyed a £4,000 wedding, made possible by sympathetic businesses who donated everything from the

bridal gown, cake and rings to a hired white Rolls-Royce and a champagne reception.

Mr Challis had told the media that two days after the wedding last Saturday he would have an operation to remove part of his skull. He said he had only a 50-50 chance of survival.

But Pat Forsyth, spokeswoman for the hospital, said Mr Challis had mastoiditis. "This is basically an ear infection which had led to a small growth in the ear — it's a fairly common condition. The growth was

not cancerous and there was no question of chemotherapy.

The surgeon twice explained the

situation to Mr Challis very carefully before the operation. He was never told he had cancer or that he would be having chemotherapy. The routine operation lasted only an hour and was a complete success.

Mr Challis had told his girlfriend on May 27 that he had cancer and three days later she proposed. The wedding cake, wedding rings, flowers and the use of a white Rolls-Royce were donated by well-wishers. Dresses for the bride and bridesmaids were also supplied free.

Yesterday Mr Challis insisted he had been told that he was suffering from cancer: "I am due to return to hospital in two weeks to start

chemotherapy." He refused to say whether the couple, both unemployed, of Leigh Park, Havant, would be giving back the presents.

Sam Bettis, from Copner, Portsmouth, who lent a white stretch limousine for the wedding, said: "People have been made to look like fools."

Fred Arnell, managing director of Pickets and Purser, a Southsea jeweller, donated Miss Webster's gold wedding ring after being contacted by the family. "When I was told about the situation I thought, 'How awful, of course I'll help.' It was a great shock when I heard he never had cancer at all."



Paul and Katy Challis

## We've just added Ashkhabad, Nizhniy Novgorod and Samara to our list of Eastern European destinations.

not see us are  
sure you fly the with us

You may not have heard of them. But you might have to in the near future. New business opportunities in Eastern Europe are developing every day. Which is why Lufthansa have over 350 Eastern European flights a week to 25 destinations in 19 countries - more than any other Western airline. Not only will we get you there, but we'll help you once you arrive: we publish an up-to-date Eastern European guide, full of useful information like the currency in use in Kazakhstan, or where to stay in Slovenia. So send in the coupon or call 0345 252 252 for a free copy. Lufthansa on the Internet: <http://www.lufthansa.co.uk>

Lufthansa (Eastern Europe)  
Fleetpost CL2075  
Fenton Way Basildon  
Essex SS15 5BR  
United Kingdom  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

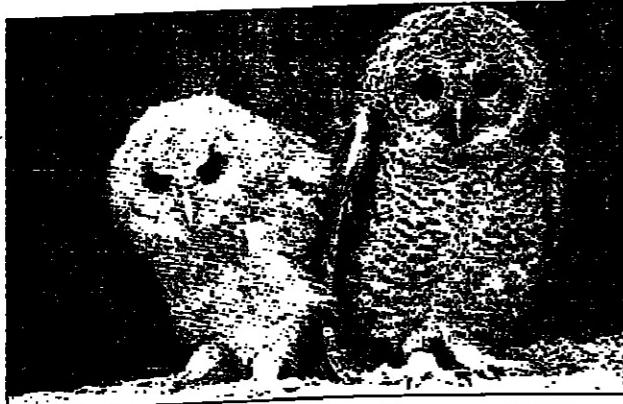
Lufthansa

## Whiter shade of owl in mortal danger

BLONDIE, an albino tawny owl, is perhaps the rarest bird in Britain. There is no record of another albino tawny having been seen in this country, but such rarity is no guarantee of survival.

Experts fear that the owl's extraordinary looks will mark it as an easy target in the wild. Rooks, crows and jackdaws are likely to be ruthless persecutors and it could even be killed by the young tawnyies sharing an aviary at the RSPCA's West Hatch animal rescue centre in Somerset.

Records held by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, dating back to the 1960s, show no albino tawny has ever been seen in Britain.



The albino Blondie with another young tawny

Blondie's pink eyes — a sign of pure albinism — are rarely seen in any breed of bird. Derek Niemann of the RSPB said: "We know of no

other tawny owl like this one. It would probably struggle in the wild because it would stand out.

Tawnyies are among the

# FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO THINK YOU CAN RUN A LOTTERY STANDING ON YOUR HEAD.

For all of which you'd need your feet firmly on the ground.

£1 million fine for every day that you're late.  
the whole network up and running or end up paying a  
Oh, and you'd have just less than six months to get

launched ever seen in UK marketing history.  
You'd have to co-ordinate the biggest new product

You'd have to create a computer sales programme that  
can handle 400,000 transactions a minute.

You'd have to print around 18 million playslips a week.  
least once and 68% to play regularly.

You'd have to get 90% of the adult population to play at  
least once a year, generating £1.4 billion for Good Causes.

You'd have to select over 30,000 retail outlets across  
the country and train 91,000 staff.

Then, you'd have to set up a UK computer network  
linking all the terminals bigger than that of the four  
main High Street banks put together.

First, you'd have to spend over three hundred man years  
developing specialised software.

BRINGING YOU THE WORLD'S LEADING LOTTERY

**CAMELOT**



أكذبة من الأذن

THE TIMES  
Bull  
Dia  
away



Duchess  
fails to rai

FROM THE  
THE Duchess of York has signed a deal worth \$1.5 million (£1 million) to appear in a TV show of the same name. The reported fee is the largest ever to be paid by a royal to a television producer in recent years. The deal, due to start in October, will be able to offer her services for two years. The Duchess, 41, has been involved in a number of TV shows, including 'The Queen' and 'The Duke'. She has also appeared in a number of films, including 'The Queen' and 'The Duke'.



# Bulls 0, Princess 1: Diana celebrates away win in Chicago

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN CHICAGO

TELEVISION stations renamed their weather forecasts "Diana-casts" and spectators sobbed with emotion yesterday as America bowed to the Princess of Wales.

For a city of "Polacks and Paddies", as one barman put it, and whose Irish-descended mayor refused to comment on the visit, Chicago succumbed to an extraordinary hour of red-carpet fever. Crowds screamed like rock fans, a key match by the city's basketball team took second place for many, and politicians were awed by her hand-shaking skills.

Kelly Frederick, 30, a "life-long" devotee, was so overcome by meeting her heroine that her shoulders heaved and tears coursed down her powdered cheeks. "A dream come true," wailed Ms Frederick, who had driven 300 miles to be there and considered her life now complete.

In the official part of the day, the Princess attended a symposium on breast cancer, visited a hospital and dined at a fund-raising gala which attracted the cultural matrons of Chicago's lakeside boulevards and was co-organised by the management of *People* magazine.

At the Northwestern University symposium, Britain's best-known hospital visitor received two standing ovations. She described cancer as being, for many, "the dreaded C-word" and added: "I have witnessed at first-hand significant progress in diagnosis." She quoted a father of the modern Olympics movement, Pierre de Coubertin, who said 90 years ago: "The most important thing in life is not the victory but the contest; the essential thing is not to have won but to have fought well."

Her divorce lawyers presumably take a less sporting view. Cynics wondered if another dreaded C-word might be "Charles".

Veteran observers of the political scene marvelled at the way the Princess worked the crowds, exchanging small talk and shaking hands. Steve Oberi, 18, an economics fresh-

The brother of the Princess of Wales has applied for a court order against a photographer who he said was harassing his family.

Earl Spencer alleges that Fanice Jason entered the family home in Cape Town disguised as a workman. Lady Spencer said she and her children had been traumatised and no longer felt free to walk in their garden. The case was postponed until Tuesday.

man, said: "I won't wash my hands for weeks." Roderic Williams, 20, studying international business, said: "It was magical. She told me it didn't look like I normally wore a jacket. Said she could tell because she has two boys of her own. She was really maternal." Governor Jim Edgar of Illinois watched and said: "In my line of work, we're envious."

The tortured politics of the House of Windsor were largely overlooked. Chicagoans are enthusiasts and wanted to think only of the good things. News programmes played *God Save the Queen*, anchormen adopted English accents and clips of Sir Winston Churchill were broadcast.

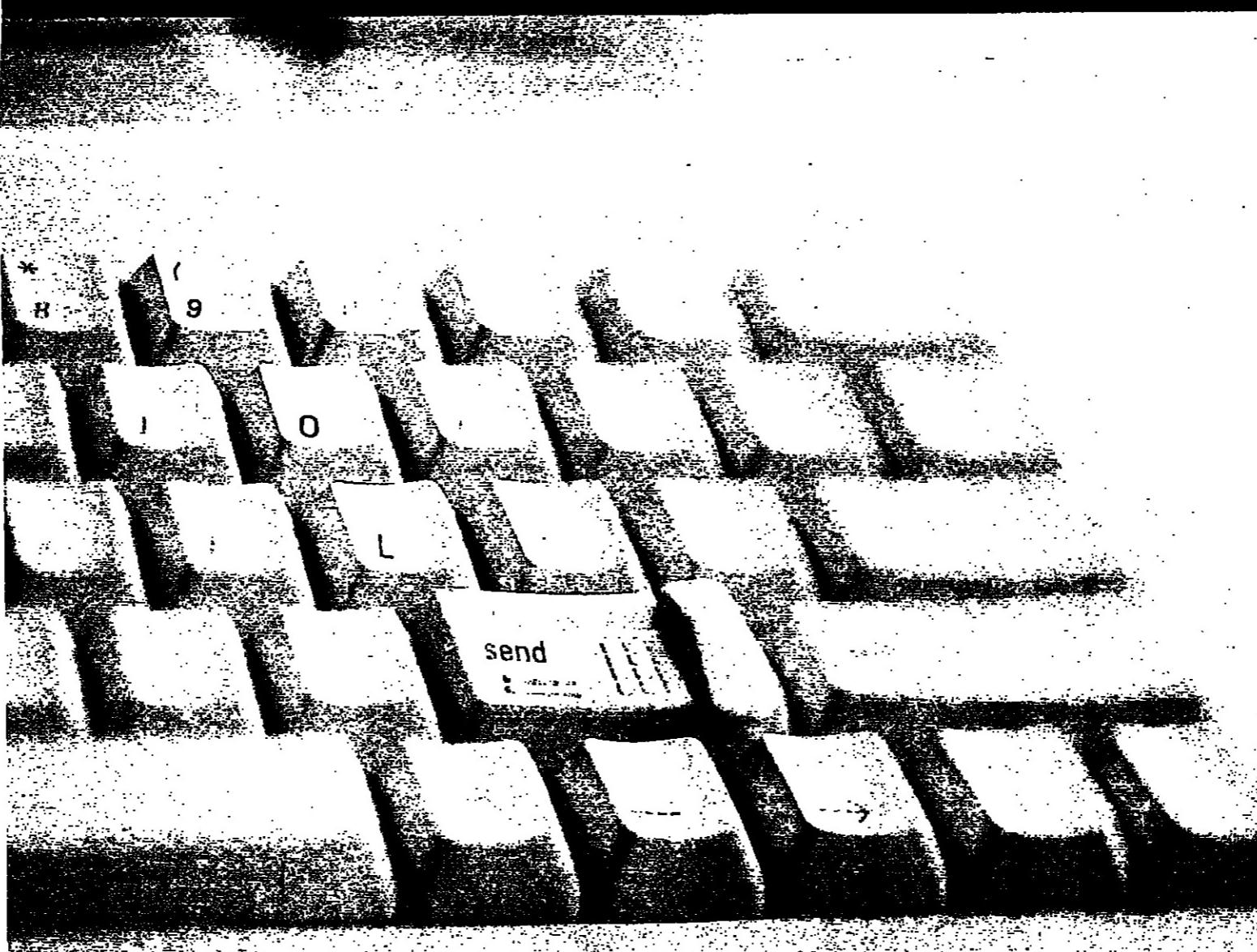
From her bedroom window yesterday the Princess had glorious views of Lake Michigan and of the muscle men who do their morning PT on the city's north shore beach. Even before she checked in, there was a message from a businessman asking her for a date. One TV channel consulted a matchmaker, Heather Stern, who said: "The Princess needs a man to nurture her. We have some wonderful bachelors."

For the Princess, this trip represents a chance to impress on London her ambassadorial potential. It was no mean feat for her to match interest in a Chicago Bulls' game. Deloris Jordan, whose son Michael is a "Bulls" star, accepted an invitation to last night's dinner instead of attending the



Well-wishers greet the Princess at Northwestern University yesterday. Even the Chicago Bulls were temporarily relegated in the city's affections

## Fax at the touch of a button



## from £189

Is your office fax always tied up? Do your employees waste time waiting for incoming and outgoing faxes? Then why not fax direct from your PC? BT can provide your business with the modern and software you need. For as little as £189 (plus VAT). Faxing from

your PC is simple and it's quicker. You can send a document to any number of addresses in a matter of seconds. All of which leaves your employees free to squeeze more into a working day. To turn your personal computers into personal faxes call BT Businessconnections.

**Work smarter  
not just harder**



**Freefone 0800 800 800**

PC COMMUNICATIONS Faxing made simple.



**SOCRATES**

Stansted Park, Hampshire, is owned by the Stansted Park Foundation and not by the Earl of Bessborough (report, May 22). The Foundation's agent is Captain John Gowen RN.



TAKE A FRIEND  
TO A CONCERT  
FOR 30p

Buy one ticket  
and get a second  
for just 30p



WIN TICKETS TO  
EURO 96

Two tickets to  
the final to be  
won in 1015,  
the weekly  
magazine for young  
Times readers

PLUS  
Vision, the  
seven-day TV and  
radio guide

## Bon viveurs of the Stone Age uncorked retsina

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE discovery of an ancient retsina has pushed back the origin of wine by 2,000 years. Traces of the wine were found in a fragment of a jar dating from 5,400 to 5,000 BC, when the first human settlements were being established.

The fragment was dug up at a Stone Age site in the Zagros mountains of Iran. Dr Mary Voigt, of William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia, was excavating what appears to have been the kitchen of a square, mud-brick building.

A yellowish residue on the pottery was analysed by Dr Voigt and archaeologists from the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia. They report in *Nature* that the material contained calcium tartrate and a resin, called terebinth, from a tree belonging to the cashew family.

Tartaric acid occurs commonly only in grapes, the team reports, and was converted into the calcium salt by contact with the soil at the site. The same combination of tannins and terebinth resin has been found in many ancient amphoras from the Near East, including Egyptian jars known to have contained wine.

The resin would have been added to suppress the bacteria that would otherwise turn

wine into vinegar, and to disguise any unpleasant flavours.

The only well-known wine produced today using resin is retsina from Greece, although it is made with resin from a different plant.

The previous oldest wine,

found at Godin Tepe, also in the Zagros mountains, was made by the Sumerians in about 3,500 BC. The team at

Grapes acquire a bloom of yeast as they ripen and to start fermentation it is necessary only to break the skins and allow the yeast to come into contact with the juice. The fact that the residue was found on the side of the jar indicates that it was stored on its side, as are wine bottles today, to keep the stopper damp and seal the contents.

The research team said that the find was particularly significant because of the impact of wine on social customs, religions and economies throughout the world. The Egyptians, who rated wines on a scale of "good", "good good", "good good good" and "sweet", are known to have been producing it by 2,500 BC, and the Ancient Greeks had an active wine trade.

The Romans were responsible for bringing grape cultivation to almost all the regions of Europe famous for wine today.

Leading article, page 21

Pennsylvania Museum, led by Dr Patrick McCourt, also carried out the analysis that identified this sample.

As the Sumerians are generally regarded as the vanguard of civilised life — pre-dating the Babylonians, Egyptians and Greeks — the new find implies that wine came before civilisation. Some might argue that the two are synonymous, though not the present rulers of Iran, whose strict Islamic laws forbid drinking. The

resin would have been added to suppress the bacteria that would otherwise turn

wine into vinegar, and to disguise any unpleasant flavours.

The only well-known wine produced today using resin is retsina from Greece, although it is made with resin from a different plant.

The previous oldest wine,

found at Godin Tepe, also in the Zagros mountains, was made by the Sumerians in about 3,500 BC. The team at

Grapes acquire a bloom of yeast as they ripen and to start fermentation it is necessary only to break the skins and allow the yeast to come into contact with the juice. The fact that the residue was found on the side of the jar indicates that it was stored on its side, as are wine bottles today, to keep the stopper damp and seal the contents.

The research team said that the find was particularly significant because of the impact of wine on social customs, religions and economies throughout the world. The Egyptians, who rated wines on a scale of "good", "good good", "good good good" and "sweet", are known to have been producing it by 2,500 BC, and the Ancient Greeks had an active wine trade.

The Romans were responsible for bringing grape cultivation to almost all the regions of Europe famous for wine today.

Leading article, page 21

**Enjoy a barbecue  
without getting  
your fingers burnt.**

**£69**

Trolley Gas Barbecue  
Was £99.99



**DO IT ALL  
Offer  
of the month!**

**Gardening  
Advisor**  
Help and advice  
available instore

**DIA  
Helpline**  
Free help and advice  
7 days a week  
0800 436 436

**Project  
Guides**  
Over 60 free guides  
to lead you through  
most DIY tasks

**Bonus  
Card**  
Free £5 bonus  
voucher for every  
£100 spent

**DO IT ALL**  
LET'S DO UP BRITAIN!

Offer valid June '96. Subject to availability. Please ensure you follow the safety instructions supplied with our barbecues.

ادعى من الأصل



Nicola Maynard: working at hospital that treated her



Nicola, 15, as patient

### Patient path to medicine

A WOMAN has returned to the hospital that saved her life when she was 15 — this time as a trainee doctor. Nicola Maynard, 21, was motivated to take up a medical career after doctors helped her to overcome leukaemia.

She had plied doctors with questions as she underwent chemotherapy treatment at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Bristol. Miss Maynard, now a third-year clinical medical student of Chulmleigh, Devon, said: "Beating leukaemia and passing my exams gave me the belief in myself that I could become a doctor and help people, as I was helped."

"When I went back to school I worked a lot harder and found I was quite capable and got the A-level grades I needed to do medicine."

Describing the discovery of her illness, she said: "I went for a blood test and was called back to the doctors on the same night. I had four lots of chemotherapy over the next four months."

### NEWS IN BRIEF

## Archbishop supports £14m centre for Bible

Plans were disclosed yesterday for a £14 million "Bible heritage centre" in York, to be opened in 1999 in what is now a derelict warehouse. Computer technology and film, video and drama displays will bring the Bible to life. The Rev Rob Richards, of St Albans diocese, thought up the idea and heads a consortium of individuals and groups including the Bible Society. The Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, supports the scheme. A planning application has been submitted to York City Council and funds are being sought.

### Heart girl home

Rachel Hawker, 11, flew home after having heart surgery in Florida, where she was on a trip to Disney World. She was holding a talking bear, given to her by Tampa Children's Hospital, Orlando, which plays tapes of breathing and physiotherapy exercises.

### Player's trial

Kevin Campbell, the Nottingham Forest footballer, chose crown court trial when he appeared before the city's magistrates accused of indecently assaulting a woman aged 21 at a nightclub. His unconditional bail was extended until July 31.

### Seventh victim

A seventh member of an Irish family died yesterday from burns received in a house fire last Sunday that killed his mother, two brothers and three sisters. The death of Colm Mayer, 27, was announced at their funeral in Portarlington, Co Laois.

### Red not dead

Isle of Wight County Council will sling a rope bridge across a busy road next week to save red squirrels from being run over. The road divides woodland at Ryde that is a haven for some of the 1,500 red squirrels living on the island free from their grey rivals.

### Smoke alarm

A 30-mile cloud of smoke caused by a fire in a plastics recycling plant near Milton Keynes drifted low over parts of Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire before breaking up. Police urged people to stay indoors and seek medical help if they felt unwell.

### Tourism rises

There were 4.63 million overseas visitors to Britain in the first three months of the year, despite the bad weather and fears about the IRA. The figure was up 8 per cent on the same period last year, raising hopes of a record year in the tourist industry.

### Chef supreme

Gerry Galvin, of Drimcong House in Molycullen, Galway, won £1,000 as Guinness Irish Chef of the Year. His winning menu was smoked eel and mussel hotpot, spiced pork roast with apple and thyme cream sauce and tipsy pudding in mulled wine.

### Cash for organ

The National Lottery heritage fund is giving £76,000 towards the £500,000 needed to restore an organ that Milton once played and Cromwell listened to. The Milton Organ, built for Magdalen College, Oxford, was installed in Tewkesbury Abbey in 1738.

## Family break-up adds to strain on green belt sites

BY NICK NUTTALL  
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

AN AGEING population and the break-up of the family are threatening the landscape of rural England, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, said yesterday.

Government figures forecast that the number of households will grow by 4.4 million by 2016, leading to millions of new homes being built across the South, Mr Gummer told the Royal Town Planning Institute's annual conference, in Brighton. To meet forecasts, an area larger than greater London would be put under concrete.

Mr Gummer said the environmental threat to areas such as southeast, southern and southwest England, where experts predicted demand would be highest, was significant and needed to be faced now.

Environmental campaigners accused the Government of failing to stimulate building in inner cities or redevelop derelict land. The Government, in its 1995 White Paper *Our Future Homes*, set a target of building half of all new housing on urban land by 2005. Figures released last month show that the target is about to be met nearly ten years ahead of schedule, with 49 per cent of new housing being built on such sites.

Tony Burton, of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said yesterday: "The household projections ... are not a target that has to be met. A new approach to managing housing development is needed which encourages urban renewal and the provision of

affordable homes if we are to

house the nation and protect the countryside."

He said there were about 800,000 empty homes in England that needed to be used before new homes were built in the countryside and called for greater use of urban land.

Environment Department officials fear that, in the South at least, the level of inner-city sites able to cope with the forecasts for new housing might be insufficient even if planning guidelines are strengthened.

Mr Gummer said population growth had stabilised but the average household was getting smaller. Family breakdown meant that, if trends continued, by 2016 only 20 per cent of households would be married couples with children.

He said planning policies were trying to steer development into inner cities rather than sites on the edge of towns or in the green belt. Environment ministers would raise the issues at centres around the country this year.

New life for man who took hair transplant on the chin

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

A MAN taunted with the nickname Scarface since he was badly burnt in a childhood accident has had a pioneering £4,000 beard transplant to hide his disfigured chin.

Glenn Yates, 32, suggested the idea after seeing adverts for hair transplants for balding men. Yesterday he said: "It's wonderful. My confidence is coming back and I can lead a normal life."

The accident happened when he set a scarf on fire as he played with matches as a four-year-old. He had six months in hospital and two years of operations to graft skin onto his lower face.

"The other kids called me all manner of names," said Mr Yates, a Channel ferry chef. "I left school when I was 16 and thought that things might get better but they didn't. Adults were just as cruel." After qualifying as a chef, he found it difficult to



Yates: scarred himself as a four-year-old

clinic. At first it was not certain whether hairs from the side of his head would grow in the facial scar tissue on his face, but results of the first treatment session were promising. After two years, his beard is almost complete.

Dr Bessam Fario, who carried out the treatment at the Farjo Medical Centre, said: "No one has ever attempted a beard transplant before. Glenn originally approached us after he saw an advert in a paper for a normal hair transplant."

The procedure involves taking a strip of scalp 1cm wide by 7cm long from the back or side of the head, which yields several hundred grafts. The strip is dissected into grafts 2mm wide, carrying one or two hairs each, which are slotted into tiny incisions in the chin.

Mr Yates has undergone five operations over two years but not all the grafts have taken. He is expected to need another two.

# The Citroën Summer Exhibition. Perfect lines, rich colours and surreal offers.

رسالة من الأجل



Between June 1st - August 31st Citroën are indulging  
in some free expression:

- FREE INSURANCE\***
- FREE 'ON THE ROAD' PACKAGE WORTH £557\*\***
- FREE 0% APR FINANCE\***
- FREE MOBILE PHONE\*\***

And our free thinking doesn't stop there. Use our  
Elect 3 finance scheme and, thanks to Citroën, save £500  
on your deposit! As you can see, it's not just our cars  
that are perfectly sculptured.

On show will be the Special Edition AX Dimension  
from £6,450\* and the Special Edition ZX Elation S from  
£9,990\* (both on the road). How's that for minimalism?

For further details about our Summer Exhibition visit  
your local Citroën dealer or freephone 0800 262 262.

**CITROËN**

**Summer Exhibition '96**

JUNE 1ST - AUGUST 31ST

OFFERS APPLY TO RETAIL SALES OF NEW CITROËN AX AND ZX MODELS ORDERED AND REGISTERED BETWEEN 1.6.96 AND 31.8.96. 10% YEAR'S FREE COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE ON CITROËN AX MODELS SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF INSURER'S POLICY AND APPLIES TO 17-25 YEAR OLDS. A SEPARATE SCHEME APPLIES TO DRIVERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. \*TYPICAL ON ALL ZX MODELS AND AX DIMENSION 1.6 3 DOOR AND INCLUDES ON THE ROAD COSTS (EXCL FOR NUMBER PLATES, DELIVERY AND SIX MONTHS ROAD PURCHASE). \*\*FINANCE SUBJECT TO STATUS. A GUARANTEE MAY BE REQUIRED. FULL WRITTEN QUOTATIONS ON REQUEST FROM PSA FINANCES PLC., BRIXTON AVENUE, LONDON SW9 2DZ. £500 DEPOSIT PAID FOR BY THE MANUFACTURER ON ALL ZX MODELS FOR ELECT 3 FINANCE SCHEME OVER 12 MONTHS. \*\*MOBILE PHONE OFFER APPLIES TO CITROËN AX AND ZX MODELS WITH 1.6 3 DOOR AND 1.6 5 DOOR MODELS AND 1.6 5 DOOR ELATION S. CAR SHOWN CITROËN ZX 1.6 3 DOOR ELATION S £10,225 ON THE ROAD. FOR EXPORT/TAX-FREE SALES CONTACT CITROËN BERKELEY SQUARE. TEL: 071 629 8818. PRICES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS. FOR CONNECTION, SEE SHOWN CITROËN AX DIMENSION 1.6 3 DOOR £10,450 ON THE ROAD. £10,225 ON THE ROAD PRICE FOR CITROËN ZX 1.6 3 DOOR ELATION S. CAR SHOWN CITROËN ZX 1.6 3 DOOR ELATION S £10,225 ON THE ROAD. FOR EXPORT/TAX-FREE SALES CONTACT CITROËN BERKELEY SQUARE. TEL: 071 629 8818. PRICES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.



# The Referendum Party

## The Question

The Referendum Party welcomes the Referendum Bill to be brought before the House of Commons on Tuesday, 11th June, by cross-party pro-referendum MPs.<sup>1</sup>

In the Bill, the wording for the proposed Ballot paper for the referendum is:

**Preamble:**

The United Kingdom Government, as a continuing member of the European Community and the European Union, is in the course of negotiations for the revision of the Treaty of European Union.

**The Question:**

"DO YOU WANT THE UNITED KINGDOM TO PROPOSE AND INSIST ON IRREVERSIBLE CHANGES IN THE TREATY ON EUROPEAN UNION SO THAT THE U.K. RETAINS ITS POWERS OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT PART OF A FEDERAL EUROPE NOR OF A EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION, INCLUDING A SINGLE CURRENCY?"

This question addresses the fundamental national issue: do the people wish the UK, as a continuing member of the EU, to be part of a European federal superstate into which Europe's nations would be merged. Or, do they insist that the UK be a continuing member of the EU which would be a family of sovereign nations with institutions based on the principle of political co-operation. That is to say a Europe of Nations.

A Referendum is necessary because the leadership of the Labour and Lib-Dem parties embrace, with enthusiasm, the concept of a federal Europe. For its part, the Government, despite its words, has allowed the accelerating transfer of national sovereignty to Brussels. So electors have never been granted a choice.

The government is not credible when it claims that

there will be no federal Europe for so long as it is in power.

This is the government that agreed and signed the federalist Treaty of Maastricht and forced it through Parliament. Its members in the European Parliament are allied to a party, the European People's Party, whose written proposals state: "Our aim is a Union built on the principles of federalism". In other words, it proposes a federal European superstate.

As Britain's foremost constitutionalist, A.V. Dicey, wrote: "the main use of the Referendum is to prevent the passing of any important Act which does not command the sanction of the electors".<sup>2</sup> "The Referendum supplies... the best, if not the only possible, check upon ill-considered alterations in the fundamental institutions of the country".<sup>3</sup>

**If you wish to become a supporter of The Referendum Party please write to:**

**Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, Westminster, London SW1P 2AF.**

Tel: 0181-563 1155. Fax: 0181-563 1156. (After June 13th) Tel: 0171-227 8500. Fax: 0171-227 8519.

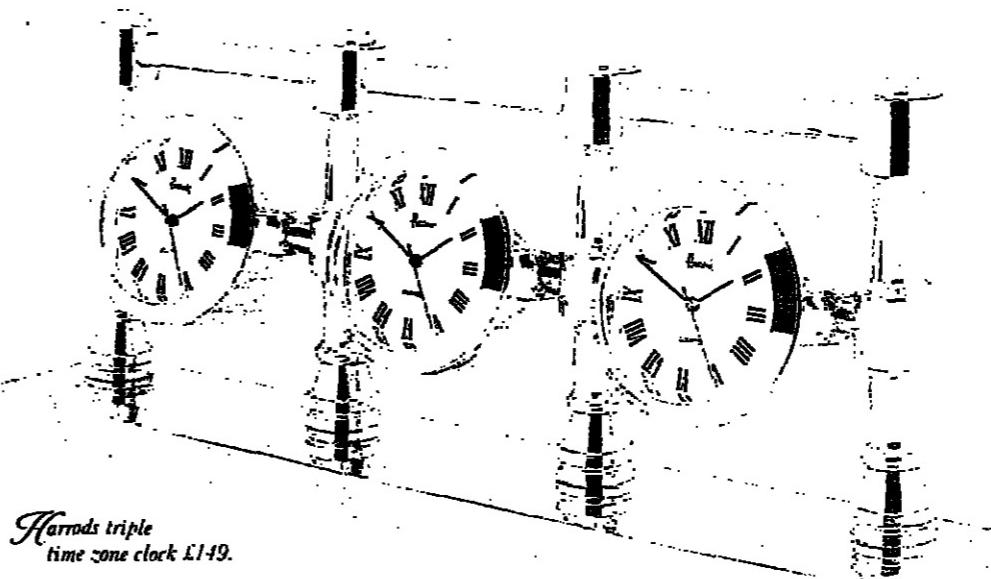
1. Referendum Bill to be introduced by William Cash MP. 2. Dicey A.V. *Introduction to the Study of the Law of the Constitution*: 8th Edition, London, 1920, p xcii. 3. Dicey A.V. "Ought the Referendum to be introduced in England", *Contemporary Review*, Vol LVII, April 1890, p 505.

School  
forces  
to iss  
A-leve

*Harrods folding  
Panama hat in box £59.*



*Harrods Napoleon  
Cognac £65.*



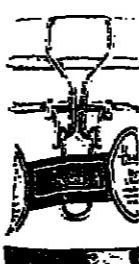
*Harrods triple  
time zone clock £149.*

JUNE 16TH.  
HARRODS GIVES  
YOU ONE  
MORE CHANCE TO  
MAKE YOUR  
FATHER PROUD  
OF YOU.

Let Harrods help you make Father's Day. There's our 1849 Bavarian Lager, Harrods Napoleon Brandy or for academic types, the Harrods Book of Chocolates. For the well-travelled, or just regularly late father, we recommend the solid brass triple time zone clock.

Should you wish to prove all that time in expensive education wasn't wasted, give him a genuine Panama hat then tell him it was woven in Ecuador.

Finally, if you are in need of further inspiration visit Harrods World, home of the Harrods label.



*Harrods 1849 Lager  
2 litre stein £24.95.*



*Harrods men's grooming  
range £9.95 - £26.*



*Harrods men's grooming  
range £9.95 - £26.*



*Harrods men's grooming  
range £9.95 - £26.*



*Harrods Book of Chocolates  
150g £8.50, 300g £13.50.*

مكتبة من الأصل

# School's slip forces board to issue new A-level paper

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of A-level chemistry papers have been withdrawn from schools across the country after a teacher let pupils sit the examination early.

An urgent replacement for the one-hour paper was ordered by the University of Oxford Delegacy for Local Examinations after it received seven completed scripts three weeks before the scheduled test date. The teacher at West Denton High School in Newcastle upon Tyne has been suspended while the school investigates.

Jennifer Slater, head of the 600-pupil school, said she would prepare a report for governors who would decide whether the unnamed teacher should be disciplined. The seven students should have taken the chemistry exam on June 14 but instead they were told to sit it on May 21.

The board said the correct date was clearly marked on the envelope containing the papers. It decided to recall the 569 papers sent out to 59 schools to avoid any risk of other candidates learning of the questions in advance. Next year's exam paper is being sent by special delivery to every centre this week, but the scripts of the West Denton pupils will not be disqualified. Ms Slater said: "The teacher

has been suspended, but that is a normal procedure and you should not read too much into that. I don't think this was a deliberate thing. I think it was more of an accident."

"As far as the students are concerned this is not a bungle. Their exam papers will not be affected. Their performances will not be jeopardised in any way. This is a very tense time for the students and we don't want to add to the pressure they are under."

Ms Slater denied pupils were disadvantaged by the incident. "I accept the students could have lost three weeks of revision time but once they received their exam timetables they revised accordingly. In one sense taking the paper early may prove a bonus because it now frees them to concentrate on other subjects."

Michael Sharp, director of the examinations board, said: "Although only seven people sat this written part it was seven too many. They could have known people from other schools due to sit the same paper, so we took the decision to recall the papers."

"Next year's exam paper had gone through the evaluation committee stage but had not been printed so we had to instruct the printers to get to work fast. We have had to go to a lot of extra expense."

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL, ASCOT.			
Report from March 1 <sup>st</sup> to April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 1884.			
Place in School Order in Division at the end of last Term.		5 <sup>th</sup>	
		Present place in 21st in School for Boys for term.	6 <sup>th</sup>
Division Master's Classified Report.			
Composition	Improved.		
Translation	Improved.		
Grammar	Improved.		
Diligence	conduct has been exceedingly bad. He is not to be trusted to do any one thing he has been doing notwithstanding his decided progress.		
No. of times late	20. very disrespectful.		
Head Master.			
Set Master's Report.			
Mathematics	Improved.		
French	Improved.		
German	~		
Scripture	60 out of 120. ~		
History	Very good, especially history.		
Geography	Very much improved.		
Writing and Spelling	Promising, fair, considerate.		
Moral	K. Martin Cooke.		
Drawing	~		
General Conduct	Winston (2nd) - is a constant trouble to everybody, and is a living in some respects or other. He can not be trusted to behave himself in any place. He has got into a bit of a hole.		
Headmaster's Remarks	He has got into a bit of a hole.		

Conduct exceedingly bad, history especially good: a school report on Churchill

## The bad boy who could do better — and did

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE school report on the nine-year-old is scathing. He is described as "very bad... a constant trouble to everybody and is always in some scrape or other". The headmaster of St George's School, Ascot, writing in the spring of 1884, adds that the boy "cannot be trusted to behave himself anywhere".

The report is one of the earliest items among 150 documents, letters and photographs illustrating and recording the life of Sir Winston Churchill that go on display today in London. They are a selection from the million items held by the Churchill Archives Centre in Cambridge.

It is the first time most of them have been shown publicly since the collection was acquired for the nation in April last year with the help of a £132,500 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The exhibition will run at the Public Records Office museum in Chancery Lane until October 4.

Exhibits are arranged in chronological order, from Churchill's early childhood and school days, through his time as a young soldier, his long and colourful political career, his wartime premiership and his role as elder statesman during the Cold War, to the final pomp of the state funeral in January 1965. They range from the typewritten texts of his wartime speeches to family letters and domestic bills.

Visitors can see his commission by Queen Victoria as a second lieutenant in the 4th

then going under the name of Aircraftman Shaw, protesting at the attentions of the press. Lawrence asked Churchill if an approach could be made to Esmond Harmsworth, the new chairman of the Newspaper Proprietors' Council, adding: "I blinded the eye of one photographer last Sunday and had to escape over the back of the hedge."

In a letter to the Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, at the time of the Abdication, Churchill relates: "I dined with His Majesty last night... HM appeared to be under the very greatest strain and near breaking point. He had two marked and prolonged 'blacking' in which he completely lost the thread of his conversation."

A letter to Roosevelt in October 1941 predicts that the President has two months of respite in the Far East: "The Jap situation is definitely worse"; Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7.

Some of the more mundane items on show include a 1935 bill from his wine merchants for £26.1s for champagne, port, sherry, brandy, whisky and hock.

A letter to London Zoo expresses thanks for the gift of a lion "on the condition that I do not have to feed it or take care of it. You are quite right in your assumption that I do not want the lion at the moment either at Downing Street or at Chequers, owing to the ministerial calm which prevails there."

The exhibition is open Mondays to Saturdays from 9.30am to 4.45pm. Entry is free.

The growth of our nation relies on the health and prosperity of our children - and our children's children.

Their ability to combat sickness and ill health in the future depends largely on our efforts today to ensure the highest standards of healthcare for everyone.

Last year, one industry invested over £2 billion in research and development to protect the future health of our nation - the British pharmaceutical industry.

With the introduction of new and improved medicines, researched and developed by the industry, thousands of children's lives are now being saved.

For example, the survival rate of premature babies has been dramatically increased following the use of new lung treatments to help combat respiratory distress syndrome.

As well as our children enjoying better health and well-being, we can all look forward to a longer, more prosperous life in the future, thanks to the medicines and vaccines now being researched and developed by the British pharmaceutical industry.

If you would like to know more about our many advances in medicines research, call our "Healthline" now on Freefone 0800 722 711 and ask for a copy of the A-Z of Medicines Research, or write to us at the address below.

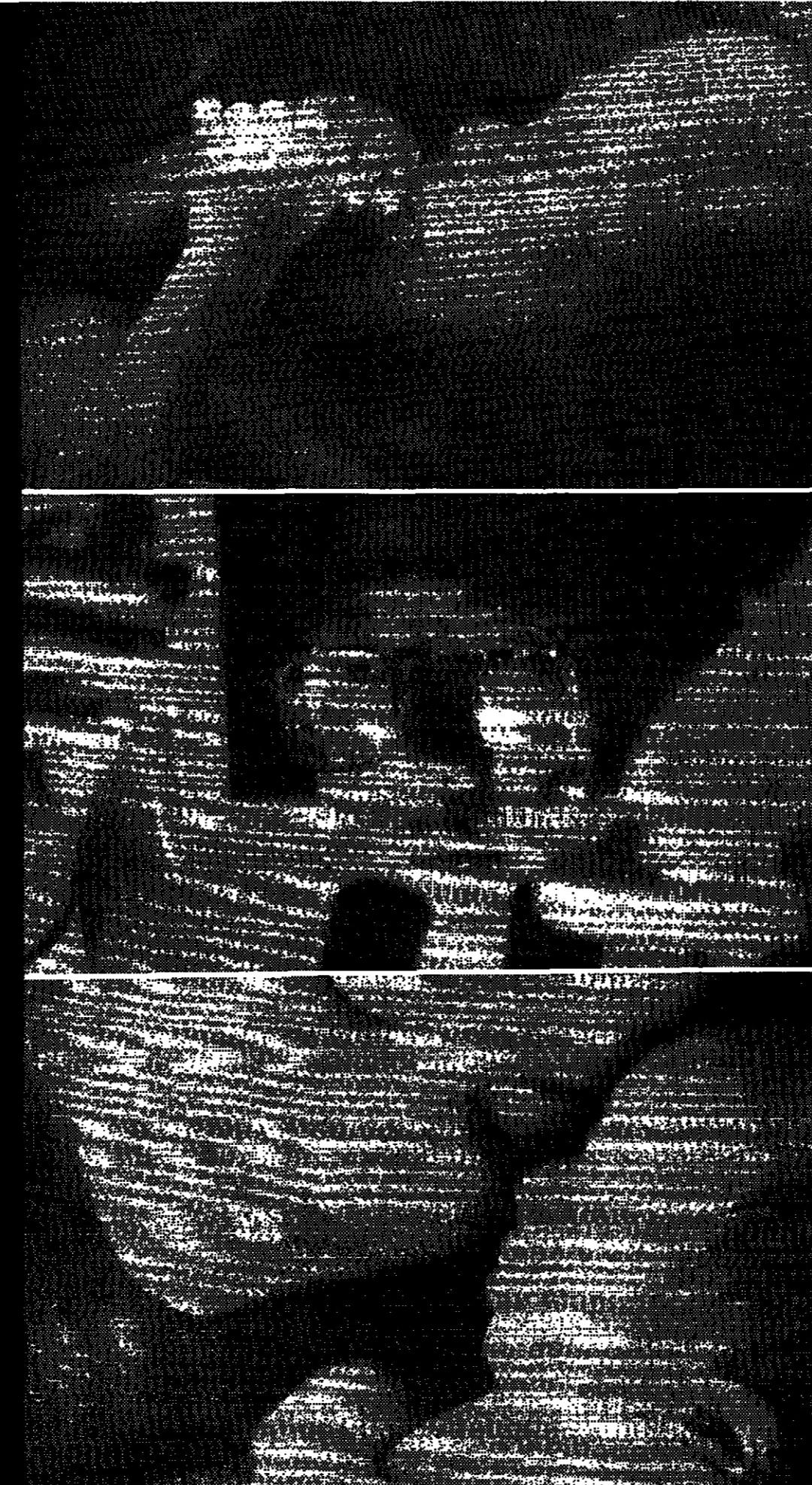
You'll discover that in matters of healthcare, miracles are not always made in heaven.



The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry  
12 Whitehall, London SW1A 2DY.

A picture of health for generations

Not all  
miracles  
are  
made in  
heaven.



# Bridge transports long-suffering drivers to Severn heaven

BY ALAN HAMILTON

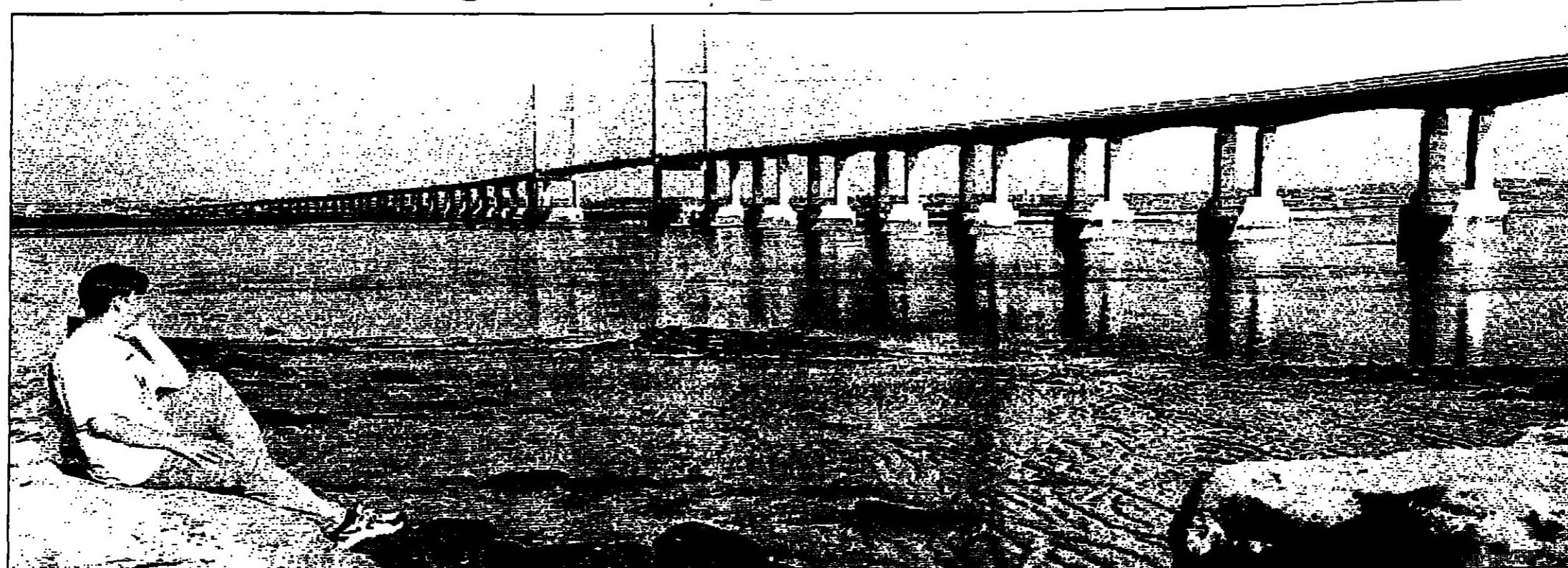
THE Prince of Wales yesterday opened the first bridge linking England directly with his principality, which will shave three miles and much frustration off the journey from London to Cardiff.

Built and operated by an Anglo-French consortium with £330 million of private capital, the Second Severn Crossing was completed on time, within budget and with no loss of life. Described by Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, as a combination of engineering and elegance, the bridge is the longest in Britain at three miles, including its approach viaducts.

Nearly three quarters of the traffic crossing the Severn is expected to use the new bridge rather than its 30-year-old upstream sister, which suffers from congestion and closure during high winds. The original bridge, which strictly speaking leaps from one Gloucestershire shore to another before crossing the Wye into Wales, has carried 300 million vehicles.

Police, alerted by the demonstration which drove the Queen out of Aberystwyth last Friday, mounted a huge security operation yesterday and sealed off the bridge on both shores. But in Gwent, where only 2 per cent of the population are Welsh speakers, there was little sign of nationalist fervour, only a low grumbling about the tolls.

Old and new Severn bridges charge £3.80 for a car and £11.50 for a lorry to enter Wales, although the return to



The Second Severn Crossing, which cost £330 million, opens to the public today, four years after construction started. Below, the plaque at the centre of the structure, unveiled by the Prince of Wales

England is free. The crossing is the third most expensive in Britain after the Humber and Skye bridges.

No one was able to think of a suitable name for the bridge and it is stuck for good with its working title. A Welsh suggestion that it be named *All Bont Hafren* (Severn Island Bridge), because some of the piers of the viaducts rest on the English Stones reef, failed to catch on.

Yesterday, to the accompaniment of cheers from hun-

dreds of children and a 21-gun salute, the Prince first cut a ribbon at the English abutment. At the centre of the bridge he unveiled a commemorative plaque in English and Welsh before an identical ribbon-cutting at the Welsh abutment. At both ceremonies the national anthems and the children's flags were identical: *Land Of My Fathers* was not played, and the only Welsh dragon was the official one flying beside the Union flag and the con-

struction company's flag in the centre of the structure.

In what may be seen as a minor concession, the toll booths on the new bridge,

unlike the old, are situated on the Welsh side.

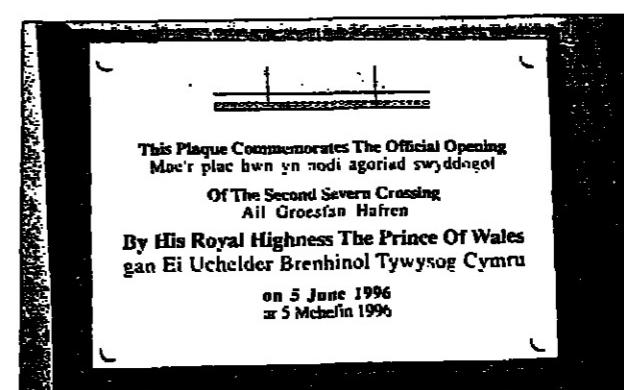
The elegance of the new bridge cannot conceal some failings in the project. The M49 loop, which will link the M5 to the M4 at the bridge and bring Cardiff 13 miles nearer to Bristol, is behind schedule and will not open until the end of this month.

Motoring organisations are also unhappy at the steep tolls. The RAC said yesterday that the bridge would do nothing to stop the 1,000 vehicles a day, mostly heavy lorries, that enter Wales by the byways of Gloucestershire to avoid paying tolls.

The bridge was due to open to the public in the early hours of this morning after workmen had painted white lines at the new junctions. Almost the last, and certainly the smallest, construction bill

was paid by the Prince who, on being handed the ceremonial scissors by two local children, gave them each a penny in an ancient tradition that is said to prevent the recipient from being stabbed.

The French, equal partners in the project, hardly got a look-in yesterday. The Prince led dignitaries to a marquee where they toasted the opening in Welsh sparkling wine from the most northerly chardonnay vineyard, a grape picker's spit from the bridge.



## University board backs tobacco sponsorship

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

SENIOR academics at Cambridge University have recommended accepting a £1.6 million donation from one of the world's biggest tobacco firms, but dons will make the final decision.

Next month 3,300 staff are to vote on whether a chair in international relations should be established in the name of Sir Patrick Sheehy, former chairman of BAT Industries.

Sir David Williams, Cambridge's Vice-Chancellor, has received almost 200 objections from health campaigners outside the university. Several prominent academics, including the university's senior medical academic, Sir Keith Peters, the Professor of Physics, lodged personal complaints at a meeting last week.

The university announced yesterday that its General Board had "no hesitation" in recommending acceptance of the offer but said: "Acceptance was not and is not seen as

constituting any endorsement of the products or the corporate policies of the company."

The official account in the Cambridge University Reporter explains that the Centre for International Studies was in the process of seeking funds for a professorship and for strengthening its academic activities: "The offer of funding from BAT Industries was therefore very opportune at a time when the board have many competing claims from faculties and departments."

During last week's meeting, Sir Keith said: "Tobacco is a major health problem in all countries and control of cigarette smoking is the single most powerful opportunity for preventative medicine in the developed world. I greatly regret that I seem to be opposing the acquisition of funds which will benefit as worthy a cause as international relations. I would have warmly welcomed funding for this cause, but in

my judgment the cost to the university is too great."

The chair would be named after Sir Patrick to mark his retirement as chairman of BAT Industries and pay tribute to his support of Cambridge University. The company's current chairman, Lord Cairns, said: "The board is delighted to be able to honour Pat Sheehy's immense achievements in this way, especially given his many contributions in the field of international relations and the role he played in saving the Royal Commonwealth Society Library and transferring it to Cambridge."

Dons vote on about five issues a year, but normally ballots are held only when a formal request has been made. The university council has decided to short-circuit the process this time because of the strength of feeling on the issue. The result should be known on July 19.

PAY  
YOUR  
MOTOR  
AND  
HOME  
INSURANCE  
BIT BY BIT,  
INTEREST  
FREE.

No large lump sums  
to pay. No interest to pay.  
No need to hang about.  
Call now for details.

**GAD**  
General Accident Direct

MOTOR INSURANCE • BUILDINGS & CONTENTS  
**0800 121 000 • 0800 121 004**  
PAY BY INSTALMENTS INTEREST FREE

REDUNDANCY & SICKNESS 0800 121 008 • TRAVEL 0800 121 007  
Weekdays 8am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 5pm.

\*Written details on request. General Accident Direct, FREEPOST, Hamilton ML3 1BR.  
<http://www.gadirect.co.uk>

## Danish Tanker, Alaska



THE ELEO MAERSK, THE WORLD'S FIRST DOUBLE HULLED SUPERTANKER, BUILT FOR ADDED STRENGTH AND SAFETY USING BRITISH STEEL.

BUSINESS  
DOW

York  
£140  
buyb

YORKSHIRE  
has de...  
for no...  
improvi...  
customers  
approv...  
busines...  
the co...  
but bu...  
in stat...  
contrac...  
increas...  
perfor...

The f...  
under...  
year fo...  
mer a...  
millio...  
year a...  
millio...  
Lanc...  
claim...  
prof...  
apprai...  
Dobson...  
Secret...  
Gover...  
compa...  
jewel...  
customer...  
their wa...  
commen...  
proper...  
pay ne...

Earliest...  
water in...  
posed a pr...  
as purc...  
customer...  
buy back...  
consum...  
must...  
improv...

Tes...  
Yorkshi...  
said tha...  
would n...  
moment...  
consider...

Sears repor...

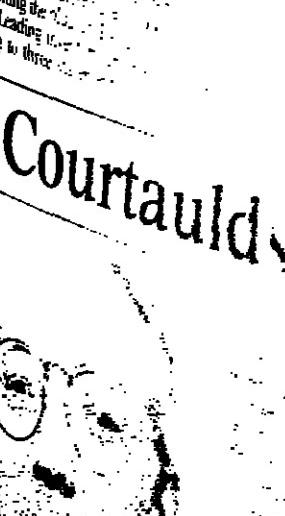
'inaccura...

THE board of ...  
group, is to com...  
sure from insur...  
holders agai...  
incorrec...  
report.

These relate...  
ship of Sears...  
Hitchin...  
which collap...  
and Sears, inc...  
to Fitch, inc...  
£54 million, an...  
billion £5...  
over the gro...

The ...  
shareholder...  
dan Fitch w...  
ent into ext...  
Wednesday. It was...  
Sears, owned 51%...  
a Price Waterhous...  
partnering with ...  
Leading ...  
ing to Worc...

Courtauld,



الآن من الأصل





Lucas faces block on marriage plans  A rash promise from Yorkshire?  Nuclear flotation thrown into uncertainty

HOW interesting to see whether those of the great and the good who rallied around Forte when it was assailed by Granada will have similar qualms about seeing one of Britain's most important engineers sold down the river, bought in a flurry of financial engineering and broken up.

Precious few, one suspects, if Lucas Industries goes on the auction block. The irony is two-fold. First, the latest move from Granada shows that the Forte empire will not, indeed, have to be broken up. Gerry Robinson has found his way clear to keeping the hotels, rather than selling them back to their previous owner. Granada's bid may have been opportunistic, it may even, with the benefit of hindsight, have been a steal. But it was not a break-up.

The second irony is that Forte was nothing more than a collection of hotels of varying quality and a chain of motorway service stations. No national interest and few exports to protect — but how the City got it in the neck for allowing it to be sold.

This column has marvelled before at the relative lack of attention paid outside the City to the Glaxo-Wellcome merger, value £9 billion, which decided the fate of the biggest player in one of Britain's leading industries, pharmaceuticals, and

allowed a vital research and development resource to be "rationalised". How much less concern will be paid to a mere metal-basher, my dear, worth just £2.6 billion at the highest take-out price now being contemplated by the market.

BBA Group, a little-known but expansion-minded engineer, was, shall we put it thus, steering the market towards the idea that it had no interest in bidding for Lucas after the later agreed a merger with Varsity of the US late last week. Not so; yesterday BBA was forced to admit an interest, and a bid can be expected shortly if the financing is available.

Criticism has been levelled at the Varsity link. George Simpson, the departing Lucas chief executive, has been accused of being too keen to stitch up a deal, any deal, before he goes on to the more prestigious GEC. But the link looks a sight more attractive than the sort of piratical break-up that could frustrate it. The customers, the big carmakers, certainly approve of the creation of a second world force to rival Bosch of Germany.

By contrast BBA, for example,

half Lucas's size, would be under pressure to sell chunks of the business after a successful bid. Likewise a German buyer such as Mannesmann, if one emerges in addition, would have no reason to keep, say, aerospace. The Varsity alliance will take until September to complete, giving any third party plenty of time to derail it.

At the end of the day, City institutions offered £3 a share in a break-up bid will rush to accept, rather than hold Lucas shares valued at 245p once the Varsity terms were announced. One can only hope fund managers have their excuses ready.

### Customers take second place

IN THE book of unfortunate business quotations — Norman Lamont's green shoots of recovery, Robert Maxwell's one-eyed Albanian who could see the merit of Mirror Group, even Alan Bond's conviction that he and only he could run Lonrho — Yorkshire Water has already earned one entry. That came

when Trevor Newton, former managing director, revealed that his malodorous contribution to last summer's drought was to avoid taking a bath.

Now Brandon Gough, Yorkshire's chairman, is going for a second entry. Asked why a sharp rebate to his frazzled customers should not accompany the share buyback bonanza for shareholders that he is preparing, Mr Gough insisted: "We are giving a very substantial benefit to customers now."

The burghers of West Yorkshire should remember that phrase. They were the ones who suffered last summer, and the new management is claiming that things will be different this year. Mr Gough's remarkable optimism

might one day come back to haunt him, just as surely as did Mr Lamont's. He and his new board still have much to prove.

Whatever.

The clear implication

yesterday was that Yorkshire is now focusing on shareholder value rather than the customer. The £12 million extra being spent this year on preventing leakage looks insignificant by contrast with the £47 million cost of tankering water about the county last summer. But both are dwarfed by the £140 million Yorkshire is prepared to spend on buying back a tenth of its share capital.

It takes real brass neck, as its customers might put it, for Yorkshire to trumpet those latest reductions in bills they are facing. These were forced on the company by a highly critical regulator earlier this week as a punishment for earlier misdeeds. Meanwhile, even the City

was surprised at the level of dividend Yorkshire was prepared to pay. The implication of this, and of the share buyback and the 30 to 40 per cent gearing the board is happy with as a result, is that the money must be unloaded before Ian Byatt or any successor to him does any more damage. He should take this as his cue, and do just that.

### Man with beard strikes again

HOW THE Treasury's advisers must have hugged themselves as they imposed a gagging order on Stephen Littlechild and safeguarded the British Energy float. No more thunderbolts from the man with the beard this time. No repetition of the last-minute intervention that made such a shambles of last spring's National Power and PowerGen share issue.

Oh dear. The Professor has got his retaliation in first. His proposals to ScottishPower and Scottish Hydro, after the two had been caught with their fingers in the cookie jar, have enormous implications for British Energy. The problem is that those implications are a long way from clear, and will not become any clearer before the nuclear issue is priced and away.

First, it is hard to see how any

gag could have worked. Regulators are required to regulate, and any change in the market for power would have required appropriate action from Professor Littlechild no matter what promises he had made covering the first three months of British Energy's stock market life.

Second, requiring the Scots to squeeze down on prices is a strong hint that similar action, by means of another price cap, might be planned in England and Wales. Perhaps the Professor might wait the necessary three months, perhaps not. But the price of electricity, both north and south of Hadrian's Wall, is one of two main variables that will influence British Energy's future performance. This will have to be reflected, somehow, in Monday's prospectus.

### Five-year plan

THOSE building societies becoming banks, once they reach the market, will be protected from predators for five years. The Nationwide, keen to remain a mutual society, would like to see this five-year rule abolished. A desire for a level playing field? Or does the Nationwide suspect that, once the Halifax converts, the newly fledged bank will go after a big acquisition? Does the Nationwide want some obstacles in the path of its larger rival?

## Racal to take £20m charge in datacoms

BY PAUL DURMAN

RACAL Electronics has pledged to return its data products business to profit in two years' time, but only after bearing £20 million of reorganisation costs.

The reorganisation, spearheaded by Paul Kozlowski, chairman of Racal's data communications division since last June, will include the closure of a Warrington factory which employs 180 people. Manufacturing will be moved to Florida. Mr Kozlowski is also cutting out layers of management and appointing some executives with whom he has worked in the past.

Data products — equipment that provides access to computer networks — are estimated by analysts to have cost Racal £15 million to £25 million of losses last year.

Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman, said Racal's board had given Mr Kozlowski the "green light" to make the fundamental changes he recommended after completing a strategic review.

Sir Ernest praised Mr Kozlowski's expertise and track

record in the datacoms industry.

Racal was reporting annual pre-tax profits 21 per cent ahead at £70.4 million for the year to March 31. In spite of the £20 million exceptional cost, Racal said it will increase its profits again this year.

Sir Ernest said: "The underlying performance is very powerful. We are looking forward to 1997-98."

Data communications, the biggest division with sales last year of £429 million, also includes the group's interests in network services, Camelot (the National Lottery operator) and the recently acquired BR Telecommunications. Together, these made a profit of £21.2 million (£14.3 million).

The acquisition of BR Telecommunications has sharply increased borrowings to 75 per cent of shareholders.

The company is paying a 3.9p final dividend, increasing the total payout by 20 per cent to 6p a share.

Tempus, page 28

### Cooklin survives 'no' vote

### Battle for Allders intensifies

INVESTORS at Signet's annual meeting yesterday voted against the re-election of Laurence Cooklin, as managing director of the financially strapped jewellery group (Paul Durman writes).

Although the vote was overwhelmingly overturned by proxy votes pledged by investing institutions, the protest indicates private investors' heightened awareness of corporate governance issues.

Shareholders at the meeting opposed the re-election of Mr Cooklin, paid £55,000 last year, because of his two-year contract. This is in defiance of corporate governance best practice, as defined by the Greenbury guidelines.

Signet said Mr Cooklin was given a two-year contract to secure his appointment.

Julian Treger, of the UK Active Value Fund, said the opposition was "a good sign that the ordinary shareholder, the man in the street, is becoming more active".

## Profits at Hambros fall 44% on charges

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PROFITS at Hambros, the independent merchant bank, fell 44.5 per cent to £20.6 million in the year to March 31 after a higher than expected £36.2 million provision for bad debts and exceptional charges of £12.9 million.

The exceptions include losses on the sale of Hambros Clearing and Hambros' Australian stockbroking operation, and a charge for restructuring.

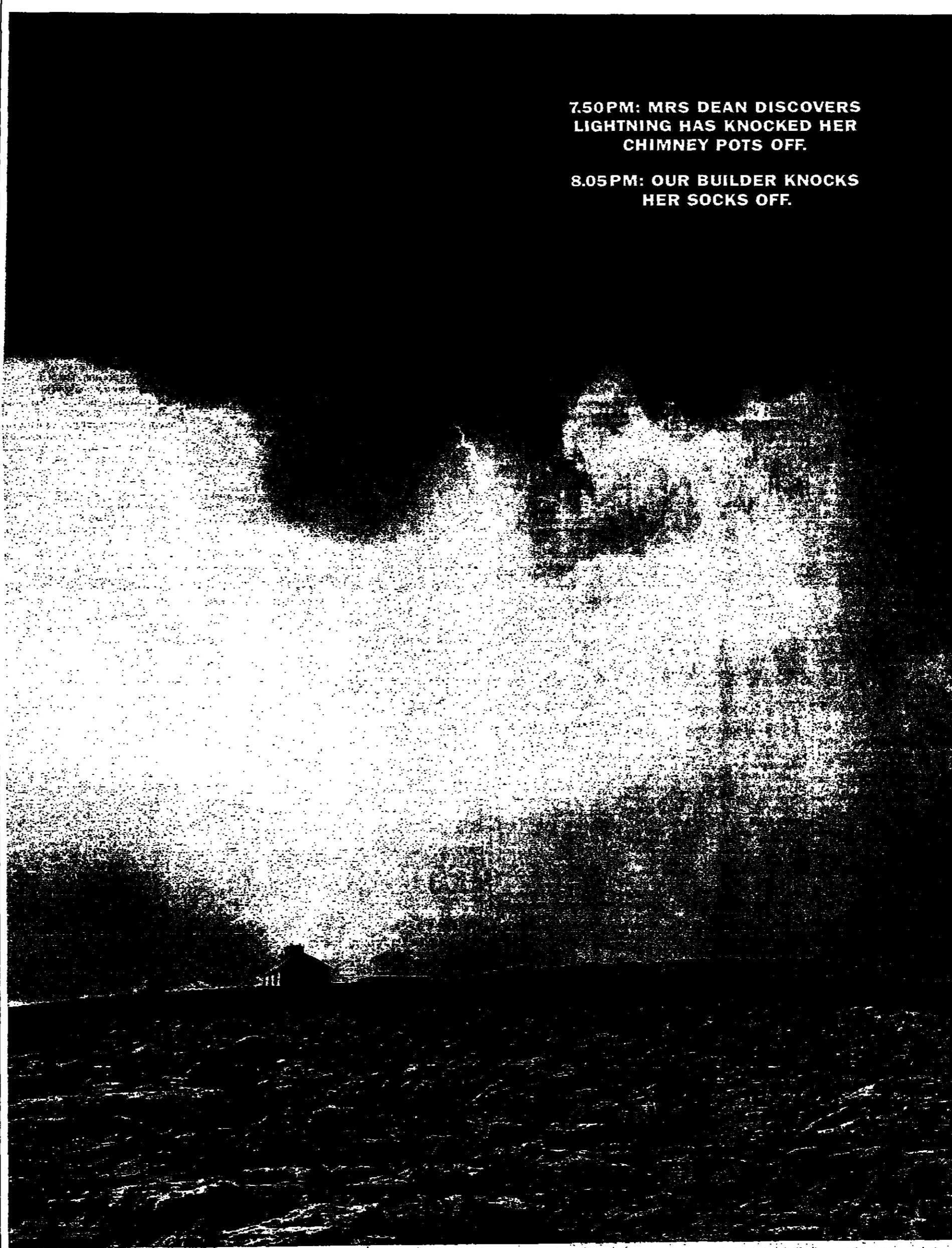
The bank's workforce was reduced from 2,000 to 1,600 during the year, including 100 redundancies, and another 100 are likely to go over the next 12

to 18 months. Despite a 3p fall in the share price to 227p, most analysts were forecasting higher profits this year.

Sir Chips Keswick, Hambros' chief executive, said the level of provisions was high last year because the bank recognised its bad debts later in the economic cycle than some competitors.

The dividend for the year has been held at 7.5p with the final payment of 5p due on August 19 in spite of a loss per share of 7.6p (earnings of 4p).

Tempus, page 28



Who says lightning never strikes the same place twice?

Earlier last year a builder retained by Guardian Direct performed a spirited impression of grease lightning when he arrived at a cottage, which had been damaged in a thunderstorm, only fifteen minutes after the incident was reported.

The amazed owners, who had only signed up with us five days earlier, were delighted when we agreed their claim on the spot, paying all the bills direct. Proof, if proof were needed, that we'll always try to settle your claim in a flash.

BETTER INSURANCE FOR THE WORLDLY WISE

**Guardian**  
Guardian Royal Exchange Group

STOCK MARKET



## Lucas soars again as bid prospects grow stronger

**T**HE City is bracing itself for a second bidder to emerge in the battle for control of Lucas Industries. Lucas climbed 8p to 254p as more than 18 million shares changed hands after BBA confirmed it was considering the possibility of a spoiling bid. Now it looks as if another bidder is ready to swoop. Names in the frame include GKN, down 3p at 97p, TI Group, 3p easier at 524p, or BTR, up 11p at 278p.

But BBA's proposal was given the thumbs down by both Lucas and the City. A spokesman for Lucas said there was no meaningful industrial case for a merger with BBA. Only last week Lucas announced plans for a merger with Varsity in the US which would create a £3.2 billion automotive parts company.

Zafar Khan, at Société Générale Strauss-Turnbull, reckons a paper offer from BBA would result in considerable dilution, while a cash offer would "obliterate" it balance sheet. Brokers generally take the view BBA does not have the financial muscle to launch such a bid for Lucas.

Share prices generally staged a lacklustre performance with investors unwilling to commit themselves ahead of tomorrow's US employment numbers. Claims that one major company was poised to ask shareholders to dig deep into their pockets helped to subdue demand. The monthly get together between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, offered little evidence to suggest another cut in interest rates. The FT-SE 100 index finished just 1.8 down at 3,753.4, having traded in narrow limits for much of the day.

Turnover was also depressed with 760 million shares traded, but this was swollen by the PowerGen buy-back that accounted for almost 86 million of the total. PowerGen finished 3p easier at 485p.

The high street banks continued to be chased higher. Barclays led the way with a rise of 7.2p to 781.2p as speculators again pinned their hopes on the group floating off its BZW securities arm. Hopes are also growing that the group may become more generous towards dividend payments after a speech by Andrew Buxton, the chairman, in Australia. Other banks to go better included



Presenter Chris Tarrant still raised a smile for investors in Capital Radio, even though the shares slipped back 1p

National Westminster, 8p to 636p, HSBC, 4p to 983p, and Lloyds TSB, 4p to 323p.

Tesco was tipped as a chart buy and the price responded with a rise of 8p to 313.2p.

Elsewhere on the bid front, Alders, the department store group, advanced 6p to 215p as the battle for control intensified. Just hours after BAA Group, the airport operator,

finished 4p cheaper at 486p. News of a bid approach lifted Blenheim Group, the exhibitions specialist, 70p to 409p, stretching the company's lead of the past two days to 97p. The approach is likely to be warmly received by fund managers after the upheaval in the group during the past couple of years.

Capital Radio eased 1p to

Morgan Crucible stood out with a rise of 15p to 447p ahead of tomorrow's annual meeting. Credit Lyonnais Laing says the premium to the rest of the sector remains modest. Margins are improving and with investors looking for defensive earnings in the capital goods sector, Laing expects the steady re-rating to continue.

had put an offer of £145 million on the table, in came Swissair with a bid valued at £160 million.

BAA made its move after learning that Swissair was ready to petition the Alders shareholders about its initial offer. They will now be asked to choose between the two offers at an extraordinary meeting in a few days' time.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

669p. IP Group, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Group will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at Midlands Electric-

THE  
TIMES  
CITY  
DIARY

### For APR read April

NEVER mind customer loyalty, what about your family? In a desperate bid for laughs, Brian Davis, chief executive at the Nationwide, turned on his wife yesterday at the building society's conference. Davis's rippling yarn involved taking home his wife's society circular, to make sure it was written in "plain English". The wheeze was working well, apparently, until Mrs Davis, focusing on the acronym APR, asked if there were any particular reason for announcing mortgage rates in April.

### Welcome' slip

SHAME on Railtrack — the latest high-profile perpetrator of the misplaced apostrophe. The company that splashed out on a giant "welcome mat" to greet passengers arriving at Leeds City Station, has made a spelling gaff. The company's marketing department chose the wording: "Railtrack Welcomes You to Leeds City Station." Unfortunately, it inserted an apostrophe after the "e" in "welcomes". If that wasn't bad enough, a Railtrack spokesman lost his rag when dealing with a query from a local radio station. He bit back: "It's a simple spelling mistake. What do you want us to do? Take the offender to City Square and have them hung, drawn and quartered?" The mat has since been removed.

### First aid

FOR the first time in its conference history, Incap's medical expenses have outstripped the company's bar bill. Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, was the first to call on an emergency masseuse after he strained his back playing tennis at the four-day conference in Macau. Out of the top 80 managers present, one jogged into a tree, another is on crutches after stubbing his toe, and a delegate's mate has turned septic after she was bitten by a bug. The fifth casualty was sent to hospital yesterday after slipping by the side of the swimming pool.



"We hope to make our water levels match our profit levels"

### By order

SO ADEPT has Yorkshire Water become at managing a crisis, the company is now making a virtue out of its failings. Proclaiming its highly controversial profits figures yesterday, Yorkshire Water handouts highlighted lower than expected price increases for customers next year. Not that the welcome move was anything to do with the company itself. What Yorkshire Water was in fact drawing reference to was the punishment wielded by the regulator against the company for its hopeless performance last year.

A SURREAL promotional video for Mondex, the electronic purse that could make notes and coins a thing of the past. Set to an upbeat score, the first scene opens in San Francisco, focusing on Californians spending their electronic money and the mighty Wells Fargo bank. Then, just as the tension is mounting, the camera pans to "Swindon, England".

MORAG PRESTON

### ECONOMIC VIEW



JANET BUSH

# Brainstorming time for the man who must deliver

The Chancellor reviews policy options against a contentious debate on the economy

**T**he Chancellor holds the annual away-day for Treasury officials at his country residence of Dorneywood around now. The Treasury seems, rather bizarrely, to have adopted a new tradition of Dorneywood purdah to add to the pre-Budget sort and won't say when the meeting is.

But this is the time of the year that the Chancellor and officials hold a brainstorming session to take stock of the economy. It is a key juncture in the economic calendar. The first Cabinet meeting to discuss the public spending round will be held within weeks. July 9 sees the publication of the Treasury's *Summer Forecast*, a document that provides the broad economic judgments that will be the background to the Budget.

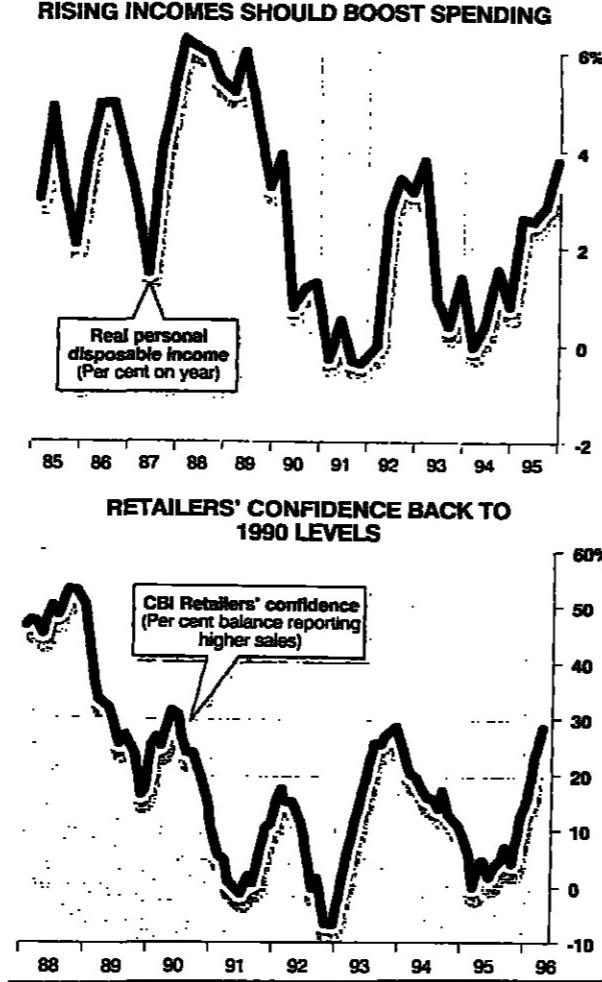
This one is as difficult to call as any over the past decade, with manufacturing near recession but consumer sectors strengthening. In its May *Inflation Report*, the Bank of England gave a warning about the hazards of navigating a sensible path through such opposing currents. "It was precisely at this juncture — with apparent short-term weakness in some sectors masking signs of more buoyant future activity — that policy mistakes tended to be made in the past."

Comparisons with 1986 are becoming the rage because this was when the Government inadvertently stoked up the 1980s inflationary boom and bust. Late in 1995, manufacturing output was falling at an annual rate of 3 per cent. By autumn, 1996, output was expanding at an annual rate of around 4 per cent. Armed with CBI surveys in the first half of 1986 that showed orders and output falling and unwanted stocks still building up, the Government cut taxes and interest rates and let sterling plunge. So the late 1980s boom and bust was born.

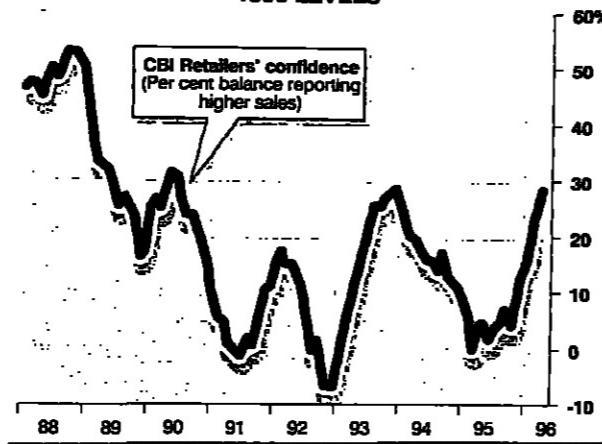
A decade later, the inflation worriers are in the ascendancy, paranoid in case the economic runes are misinterpreted again. It has to be said at this point that current visions of disaster are hardly dramatic compared with the garish economic landscapes of the past. Richard Jeffrey, chief economist of The Chartered Group, is one of the most hawkish in the City on inflation, seeing it rise, perhaps, to as high as 4 per cent.

He sees the economy powered ahead ever more strongly by consumer spending as people feel the benefits from lower interest rates, tax cuts, windfalls from building societies and electricity com-

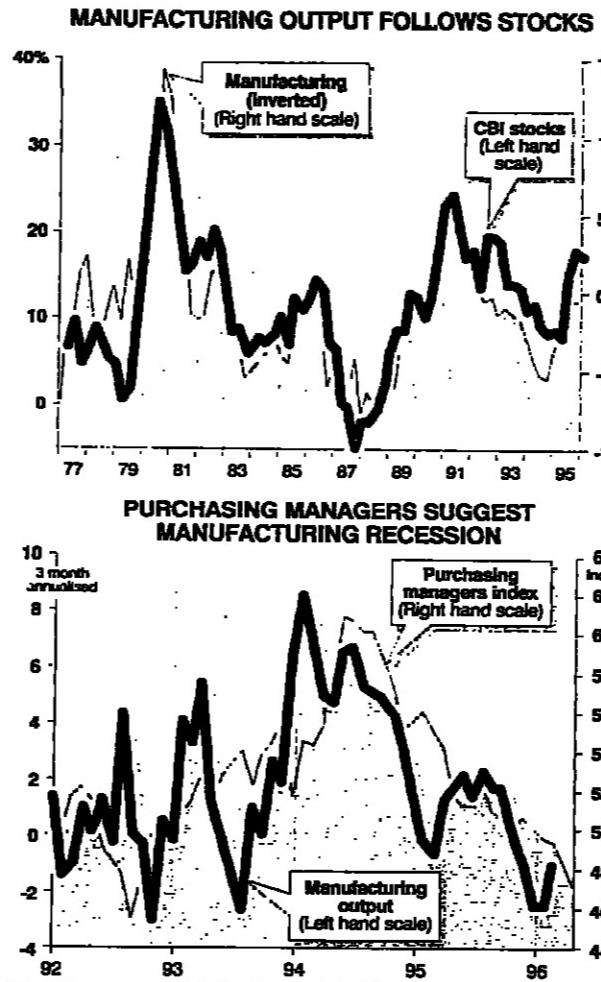
### RISING INCOMES SHOULD BOOST SPENDING



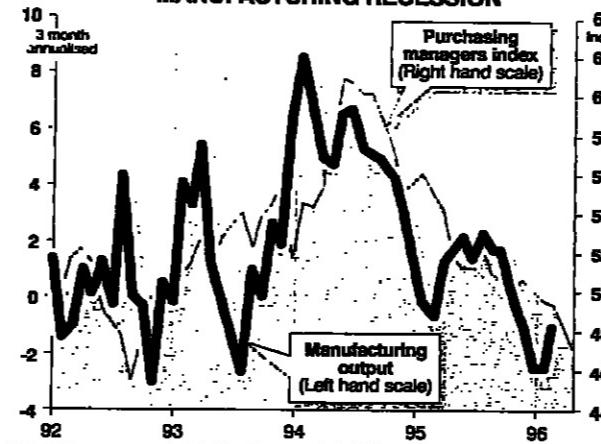
### RETAILERS' CONFIDENCE BACK TO 1990 LEVELS



### TALE OF TWO ECONOMIES



### PURCHASING MANAGERS SUGGEST MANUFACTURING RECESSION



still believe that interest rates may have to be cut again.

They argue that, while manufacturing does not look like it is going into a tail-spin, there is at least a risk that the stagnation could be prolonged; that companies will lay off staff and that consumer confidence will take another knock. Stocks and output have tended to move in close tandem and current readings point to a protracted slump in the latter. The purchasing managers' survey earlier this week was very weak and ominously showed a sharp deterioration in firms' employment intentions, suggesting a wave of lay-offs is on the way.

But whether or not manufacturing impinges on consumers/employees, there is another argument against alarmism on interest rates. Can we be sure that a bit more consumer spending will lead to higher retail prices? Current survey evidence suggests producer prices are going to be very low over the year ahead. Why should retailers risk annoying consumers by jacking up prices when their suppliers are keeping theirs low?

**T**hese opposing views partly come down to whether or not one believes the world has changed, that we have entered an era of low inflation, that structural changes to the British economy — particularly those that have created a "flexible" labour market — have changed the equation between unemployment and inflation for good until now, inflation worriers could argue that inflation has remained relatively low because the con-

sumer has been battered by higher taxes, interest rates, their 1980s credit card and housing debt, and lack of income growth. What will happen over the next three to six months now that the background is positive for consumption for the first time since before the recession? We are entering a fascinating laboratory measuring whether the present is different from the past. Will more spending lead to higher prices or not? As unemployment falls, will wage inflation take off or not?

Where does this leave the Chancellor? We know from his interview in *The Times* last week that he is still pretty confident that growth will accelerate, if not reach his 3 per cent forecast for calendar 1996; that he is prepared to raise interest rates before the election if necessary; that he has problems on tax revenues and public spending and is playing down hopes of tax cuts; that he wants to fight the election on the economy and leave the poll to the last minute to allow a bit of prosperity to feed through.

In policy terms, he is almost bound to take an optimistic view. The year before an election is not a time for a responsible Chancellor to panic and there is little reason for him to do so. Inflation is not about to explode and, in any case, any problem will come in 1997 when Gordon Brown may be left to tackle it. Helpfully, the Bank appears to be reasonably open-minded on rates for now — perhaps because it made the mistake of being hawkish last year when the economy was weakening and doesn't want to wreck its chances of independence under Labour.

Importantly, the Chancellor believes his own rhetoric — endorsed by the OECD recently — that Conservative structural reforms mean that the economy can grow faster with lower unemployment without igniting inflation. He may want to test how great the supply-side improvement has really been by leaving the brakes off for now. Whether or not the supply side has changed all that much, he won't indulge in the triple boost of 1986 when taxes, rates and sterling all fell — at least not to the same degree.

And what of tax policy? Most people agree that the public finances do not justify tax cuts without matching cuts in spending. No one expects that to be achieved. Most predict a symbolic £2 billion to £3 billion of taxes. The Chancellor says he doesn't want to keep missing targets and wants to leave the public finances in the best shape possible. The truth is that fiscal policy is a headache for the next Parliament, not this one.



## Regional press consolidating around true-to-type publishers

**F**red Johnston is the type one would expect to be selling his stake in the regional newspaper industry. His ancestors founded Johnston Press more than 200 years ago and his family holds more than 40 per cent of the shares.

This is the sort of business that was commonly bought by the likes of Emap, one of the acquisitive breed of media groups that specialised in persuading small, independent publishers to part with their family's inheritance.

But this week the tables were turned. Mr Johnston — whose fellow directors light-heartedly allude to his ability to charm widows — smooth-talked Emap into selling the business on which it was built.

Mr Johnston's time as chairman has seen the Scottish group forsake its Falkirk roots for Edinburgh, expand operations south of the border, and add a clutch of daily titles to its stable of free and paid-for weeklies. The Emap deal will make Johnston Press the fifth-largest regional newspaper publisher by circulation.

And, yet, although the deal

may appear to go against the grain, in another respect it is following a more recent trend — the sale by diversified media groups of their regional news interests to publishers dedicated to the sector.

Last year the Thomson Corporation sold the majority of its UK newspapers to Trinity International. Reed International's regional titles were sold to Newsquest, a management buyout team. Midland Independent Newspapers, another leading player, also started life as an MBO team with Ingersoll's Birmingham and Coventry titles, and is first and foremost a local newspaper.

If the trend continues, three groups are worth watching: the Northcliffe division of Daily Mail & General Trust; United Provincial Newspapers (UPN); part of United News & Media; and Pearson's Westminster Press (WP).

Many of the larger media groups are looking to the attractive returns promised by electronic publishing and databases, radio, television and business and consumer publishing. Emap, for example, is a market leader in consumer magazines, and is using its know-how and acquisitive skills to replicate this success in France. It is also generating rapid growth in radio. Meg Geldens, media analyst at Goldman Sachs, would not be surprised to see UPN sold after the merger of MAI and United News. Along with WP, its circulation is among the fastest

fallers in the industry, symptomatic of underinvestment. She said: "You have to be very focused. If you're not going to go for it, you should get out. It was very good Emap got out."

Anthony de Larrinaga, media analyst at Pannier Gordon, believes the industry will consolidate around a small core of leading players: Northcliffe is the only one not part of a broader media group.

UPN has relaunched its titles and may seek swaps to give it a geographic mix more conducive to increased margins, otherwise, Mr de Larrinaga believes, the group may be sold. "WP is definitely on the block," he said, pointing to the considerable cost savings made in the past year but rapid readership erosion.

Frank Barlow, Pearson's chief executive, has said that WP definitely is not for sale. But, as Mr de Larrinaga said: "Emap kept saying 'no', too." Newsquest is tipped by some as hungry to expand. Or perhaps Fred Johnston's chat-up lines will again win the day.

FRANK LE DUC



# Why Germany is running out of steam

Oliver August on Bonn's near-miss with the statistic that spells recession

**S**he took off vertically, climbing with grace and strength, displaying precision planning and German engineering, apparently shaming all those who had derided the value of European co-operation.

But just as she was about

to break free from gravity, she burst into flames and disintegrated.

This is not Ariane 5, the ill-fated European space rocket. This week's other Icarus is the German economy. By the narrowest of margins, Germany avoided being officially in recession.

After months of procrastination, Herr Kohl unveiled a £22 billion savings package six weeks ago. It includes tougher rules on dole payments, a one-year freeze on social welfare hand-outs, reduction of sick leave, a higher retirement age and bigger fees for medicine.

However, the Wiesbaden umpires also revised the March figures to zero GDP growth yesterday. The ball is not over the line, they ruled. Germany is not in recession.

Such tiny adjustments to the data are, however, meaningless. The truth of the matter is that Germany's economy is in trouble. Again.

The euphoria of unification was followed by realisation that even another economic miracle would not turn the east into "blooming lands", as Helmut Kohl had promised. In 1993, there was talk of the French franc replacing the mark as Europe's currency anchor. The mark has since recovered, but uncertainty over *Model Deutschland* has returned.

Herr Kohl's problem is not whether the economy is in recession this quarter or not. The real problem is that Germany's version of the "social market economy" is breaking down — and deserves to because it makes Germany uncompetitive.

Yesterday's growth figures are the clearest sign yet that Germany must bend over backwards to stay Europe's *Musterschüler*, or top pupil. Most economies in Germany's class are growing, not

despite the fact that fiscal policy is a headache for the next Parliament, not this one.

Germany's burgeoning welfare spending bodes ill for Herr Kohl's pet project, European monetary union.

If he fails to curb spending

and sees tax revenue decline further, Germany will not meet the budget deficit criterion in the Maastricht treaty.

For Euro-watchers on this

side of the Channel, that is

the real significance of Germany's weather-beaten growth figures. With any luck, Germany will miss the Maastricht boat because of snow.

Until now, buying a cheaper private health plan has meant compromising on the amount of cover you get. But Primesure, a new policy from Prime Health, actually gives you comprehensive cover — at a budget price.

So, if you're buying a policy, ask yourself: does it cover outpatient treatment, like specialist consultations? Does it give you immediate access to private treatment? Does it guarantee full payment of surgeons' and anaesthetists' fees? Will it pay for alternative medicine?

Primesure gives you all this. For more details, call 0800 77 99 55 or fill in the coupon.

**Prime Health**

A member of the Standard Life Group

Call Prime Health on 0800 77 99 55 or fill in the coupon.

Title _____	First name _____
PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS	
Surname _____	Date of birth _____
Address _____	
Postcode _____	
Phone (inc. STD code) Day _____ Evening _____	
Date of birth of the eldest person requiring cover	
Cover required: Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Single parent family <input type="checkbox"/>	
If you already have private medical insurance please state renewal date	
Please post to (no stamp required) Prime Health Limited, FREEPOST, SK 3042 Stockport, Cheshire SK2 6TY.	
M21019	

## Whitbread to build £34m hotel

Whitbread, the brewing and leisure company, yesterday unveiled a £34 million development of a new Marriott hotel at Heathrow Airport.

The 390-room hotel is due to open in 1998 and will have conference facilities and a health club. The existing 350-room Marriott Heathrow Hotel at Langley will be renamed after the new hotel is completed.

Whitbread paid £180 million for 16 Marriott hotels last year and has since increased the chain by ten by rebranding its own Country Club hotels. The company aims to increase the Marriott portfolio to 33 by the end of the year.

### Rolls success

Rolls-Royce, the aerospace and industrial power group, has won a £30 million order to supply engines to a Chinese airline. The company said that China Southern had chosen its V2500 engines to power its new fleet of ten A320 Airbus jets. Deliveries will begin next year. China Southern is the first Chinese airline to buy the V2500-powered A320, built by Airbus Industrie, the European consortium including British Aerospace.

### Wardle deal

Wardle Stores, the manufacturer of plastic sheet, airborne systems and inflatable systems, has acquired the business and assets of the marine products division of SMR Technologies based in Ohio, for \$9 million. At SMR's last financial year-end, the assets concerned had a book value of \$6.9 million. After significant one-off charges, the business made a loss of \$1.1 million on sales of \$6 million.

### Plane firm hit

About 6,400 union employees of McDonnell Douglas yesterday went on strike after the collapse of contract negotiations with the US aerospace company. Union machinists have rejected McDonnell Douglas' proposed four-year contract. A three-year contract ended on May 19.



David Thomas, left, deputy chief executive, and John Jarvis see plenty of chances to buy hotels and will continue a strategy of individual purchases

## Jarvis float includes £60m to fund further purchases

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

150p and 170p, valuing the company at about £280 million.

Mr Jarvis said the money raised would be used to reduce debt and allow the company to continue with its investment and acquisition plans. The float will also allow the company's existing investors to realise part of their stakes and improve brand awareness.

About £60 million of the money raised will be used to

reduce bank debts while the balance will be used to meet obligations to the institutional shareholders.

Mr Jarvis, who was previously head of Ladbrokes' hotel division, is selling shares worth about £15 million at flotation but will continue to hold 2.8 million shares. Other leading investors, which include Candover, Electra, Charterhouse Development Capital and Kleinwort Benson

Development Capital, will sell about a third of their stakes in the company.

The company, which was founded in 1990, owns and operates 62 mid-market hotels throughout the UK. The hotels also offer conference facilities and a chain of Sebastian Cox health clubs.

Jarvis made a profit last year, excluding exceptional items, of £23 million. The company's assets are currently valued at £323 million.

Mr Jarvis said: "With gearing reduced to 29 per cent, we will have the necessary financial flexibility to continue growing."

There are plenty of opportunities for new acquisitions in the middle market and we will concentrate on a strategy of individual purchases."

Mr Jarvis added that the company wanted to ensure expansion could continue after flotation without the need to make regular cash-calls on investors.

The company said that it will operate a progressive dividend policy with the first interim dividend to be paid for the 15 weeks to October 12.

The company added that trading this year had been encouraging and had met management expectations.

Pro-forma earnings per ordinary share would have been 9.9p for the year to the March 31, giving an historic price-earnings ratio of 16.2 times.

Tempus, page 28

## Crest could force brokers out of business

THE number of stockbroking firms in the UK looks set to dwindle after next month's introduction of Crest, the new electronic stock exchange settlement system (Caroline Merrell writes).

The larger firms are predicting that some of the small and medium-sized companies could be forced to merge or

could even go out of business because of the price of services offered by Crest and the costs that some brokers face in bringing their technology systems up to date to cope with the new system.

David Jones, chief executive of Sharelink, the UK's biggest execution-only stockbroker, said: "The problems might

occur in the smaller firms, if they are going to occur, five or six months down the line, when it comes to the complexity of consolidating electronic records."

Crest, which cost £29 million to set up, will be officially launched on July 15. Its aim is to bring in a paperless system of share dealing for both institutions and private investors alike.

Investors will be able to continue to use the old share certificate-based system of dealing, but some brokers are planning to make this more expensive than the electronic service. About 132 of the UK's 152 stockbrokers have so far registered with Crest.

## German bank rescues KHD

FROM AP IN COLOGNE

KOECKNER-Humboldt-Deutz (KHD), the German cement and engineering company brought to the brink of collapse by a fraud scandal, yesterday announced a rescue plan that includes new loans and concessions by its employees.

Under the terms of the agreement, Deutsche Bank, which already owns 48 per cent of the company, will inject an as-yet unspecified amount of fresh capital. In addition, the group's creditors will

waive interest payments for 15 months, and property and leasing divisions in Cologne and Mannheim will be sold.

The company's 9,400 employees will give up a portion of their salary and future pensions and accept longer hours, the bank said. The cost of the rescue was not initially disclosed.

Three executives at a KHD subsidiary were dismissed last week after allegations that the subsidiary had covered up DM650 million in losses since

## Big increase in awards made by investment ombudsman

By JODY BRETTKELLY

THE TOTAL paid out by the investment ombudsman over complaints against the industry climbed from £13,848 to £22,018 in the year to April 30. Complaints nearly quadrupled, from 91 to 373.

Richard Youard, who is retiring after seven years as the investment ombudsman, said that the increases were not because the industry was worse but because his office now dealt with cases previously dealt with by the Investment and Management Regulatory Organisation, the industry watchdog.

The biggest complaint concerned poor financial advice about savings and investment plans, followed by portfolio management and Peps.

Mr Youard said that in one case an adviser was aware a product was unsuitable but said he would have "his hands chopped off" if he did not recommend it.

Total claims jumped from £1.7 million to £2.4 million and the average claim rose from £5,800 to £11,900. The huge increase in the amount paid out was partly the result of a body of complaints about one company, whose fund management bore no relation to its literature. Investors opting for low-risk investment were put in high-risk stocks.

The results for the year show that 56 per cent of cases were in favour of the complainant, compared with 30 per cent the previous year. Mr Youard said: "Some would say that having lunched hysterically towards companies last year, I have now veered erratically back in favour of complainants. Rubbish!"

The highest payment increased from £3,900 to £23,884 and related to a failure to match the risk level specified by the investor. The claim is still being investigated.

Mr Youard said it was significant that the complainant decided to reduce his claim to £100,000 to bring it within the scheme rather than having to resort to the courts. "This is wholly unsatisfactory. The Small Claims Court has a limit of £1,000 and a proposed

## Woolwich takes care of deceased

By ROBERT MILLER

WOOLWICH, the building society that plans to become a £3 billion bank next year, yesterday published details aimed at protecting the free share payout for members who have died since the end of last year or do so before the actual conversion.

In leaflets being handed out free at its 410 branches, the Woolwich says that in the event of a qualifying member dying the eligibility for free shares is protected in most cases.

The Woolwich, the UK's third-largest society, also outlined the terms of the variable payout for many of the 3.5 million qualifying savers and borrowers.

All qualifying members will receive a standard free share payout worth roughly £750. However, those who have been members for more than two years will receive an extra helping of shares, providing they have a minimum overall account balance of £1,000 on both key dates — December 31, 1995 and the date of the special general meeting, which is likely to be in the first half of next year. The maximum overall balance to be taken into account when allocating extra shares is £50,000.

Donald Kirkham, acting chief executive, said: "It is not possible to publish full details of the proposed distribution of shares, but we are able to give members key information about the additional variable distribution and treatment of deceased members."

# WEEK TWO THE SUNDAY TIMES 1000 MAKERS OF SPORT



Olympic champion Heike Drechsler leaps into The Sunday Times 1000 Makers of Sport as the most successful jumper in history. Sunday's Part 2 also includes Jimmy Connors, Nadia Comaneci, Ted Dexter, Eusebio and Nick Faldo as this superb FREE series on world sporting legends takes the story from C to F

THE SUNDAY TIMES IS THE SUNDAY PAPERS

Share in the final burst of energy.

British Energy Share Offer

Telephone 0990 600 600

To register or for full details, call NatWest branch

or NatWest

More than just a bank

 NatWest

Share Shop

This advertisement is issued by and is the responsibility of National Westminster Bank Plc, which is acting as a Share Shop in relation to the British Energy Share Offer. The value of shares, and the losses from them, may go down as well as up, and you may not recover the amount of your original investment. The British Energy Share Offer is a collective investment scheme authorised by the London Stock Exchange and regulated by the Securities and Futures Authority. National Westminster Bank Plc is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority and IPFO. Registrants may also receive marketing literature from the Marketing, Sales, Credit Services, National Westminster Bank Plc, Registered Number 026027, England. Registered Office: 41 Leaden Lane EC3 2BB. Ref No 2020

## THE TIMES Subscriptions

*The Times will match any subscription offer you receive from other daily national newspapers.*

For further details please call us FREE on the following number:

**FREEPHONE  
0800 120 130**

Lines open 7 days from 8am to 6pm

*Offer available in the UK only*

# Equities mark time

**TRADING PERIOD:** Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

# Equities mark time

**TRADING PERIOD:** Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES									
565 471 Allard Breweries	475	-	52	182	182	182	182	182	182
566 529 Albany Distillers	561	+	51	57	225	225	225	225	225
567 121 Amcor	560	-	52	182	182	182	182	182	182
568 615 Anstruther A	567	-	45	159	159	159	159	159	159
569 454 Anstruther Dist	461	-	40	159	159	159	159	159	159
570 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
571 655 Anstruther Dist	655	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
572 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
573 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
574 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
575 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
576 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
577 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
578 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
579 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
580 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
581 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
582 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
583 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
584 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
585 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
586 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
587 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
588 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
589 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
590 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
591 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
592 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
593 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
594 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
595 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
596 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
597 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
598 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
599 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
600 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
601 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
602 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
603 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
604 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
605 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
606 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
607 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
608 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
609 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
610 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
611 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
612 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
613 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
614 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
615 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
616 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
617 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
618 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
619 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
620 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
621 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
622 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
623 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
624 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
625 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
626 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
627 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
628 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
629 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
630 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
631 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
632 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
633 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
634 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
635 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
636 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
637 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
638 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
639 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
640 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
641 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
642 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
643 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
644 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
645 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
646 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
647 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
648 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
649 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
650 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
651 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
652 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
653 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57
654 121 Anstruther Dist	121	-	51	57	57	57	57	57	57

# Australia unveils biggest share offer

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA'S biggest public share offer goes under way yesterday with the Government's sale of its remaining 50.4 per cent stake in Commonwealth Bank, the country's largest retail bank, which is expected to raise more than A\$3 billion (£2.53 billion).

Under the two-tranche share offer, which is the first of its kind in Australia, investors will pay a first fixed installment of A\$6 with a second installment payable by November 1997. The final share price will be announced next month.

Almost 400 million of the Government's shares, representing a stake of 40 per cent, will be offered for sale through the public offer. The remaining 10 per cent stake is to be sold to the Commonwealth Bank through a share buyback scheme.

Launching the share offer John Fahey, Australia's Minister for Finance, said: "This is a momentous event, not only in the history of the Commonwealth Bank, but also for the Australian financial community."

Up to 140 million shares, representing 35 per cent of the share offer, have been earmarked for institutional investors and there is no limit on how many shares may be

acquired by UK and other foreign institutional investors. The partly paid shares will be entitled to three dividend payments before the second instalment is due.

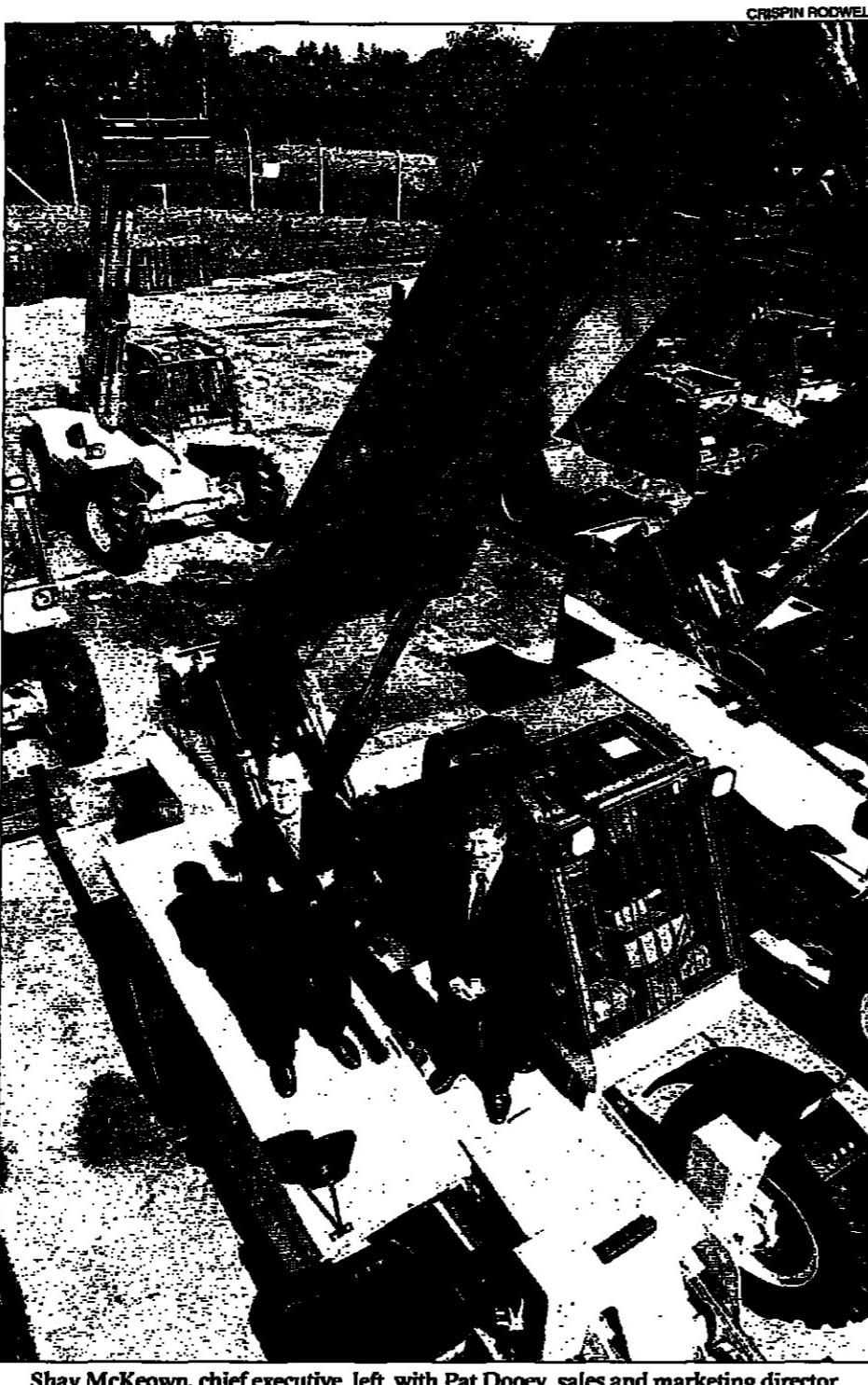
The public offer marks the third and final sale of shares in Commonwealth Bank by the Australian Government, which sold a 29.3 per cent stake in the bank in 1991 for A\$1.7 billion and a 20.3 per cent stake in 1993 for A\$1.3 billion.

Banking analysts in Sydney welcomed the two instalment sale, saying that it would have been too big for the Australian stock market to swallow in one go.

One said: "It's a good deal. The dual instalment structure means that you get a 15.5 per cent dividend yield on your shares and that's huge. I reckon the sale should go pretty well."

However, other analysts expressed concern that Commonwealth Bank's move last year to reduce its home loan interest rates by 0.6 per cent to 9.9 per cent could eat into next year's profits.

The bank chalked up a 19 per cent rise in net profits to A\$542 million in the half year to December 1995. Commonwealth Bank shares closed up 4 cents at \$10.04 on the Australian stock market.



Shay McKeown, chief executive, left, with Pat Dooey, sales and marketing director

BY MARTIN BARROW

JOHN WADDINGTON, the packaging group which spent £30.3 million on capital investment last year, plans to invest a further £30 million during the current year to increase capacity.

The company's latest investment is intended to support the development of Waddington's pharmaceutical packaging and specialist printing activities. The company is hoping to increase its UK

market share and win further orders from continental Europe.

Waddington yesterday reported a 33.2 per cent rise in profits from continuing activities to £29.4 million for the year to March 31 on turnover that increased to £286.6 million from £238.5 million.

At the pre-tax level, profits fell to £11.86 million from £15.3 million. However, the results were distorted by an

exceptional charge of £13.76 million for the year just ended.

In addition, the company booked a £30.75 million profit in the previous year on the sale of its board games business.

There is a final dividend of 5.4p a share, making a total of 9.4p (8.7p). Adjusted earnings rose to 17.89p a share from 16.9p. The shares rose 6p to 248p.

STAVELEY Industries, the measurement instruments and minerals company, is lifting the annual dividend for the first time since 1993 after achieving a 15 per cent rise in profits in the year to March 31.

Pre-tax profits improved to £23.2 million from £20.2 million on turnover that rose to £372.9 million. From £342.2 million, the company reported yesterday. Roy Hitchens,

said: "Our twin track approach of improving operational performance while refining strategic focus has begun to produce results."

However, in spite of the improved results announced yesterday, the company's shares fell 5p to finish the day at 219p.

The total dividend is increased to 9p a share from 8.5p, with a final 6.7p. The company's earnings improved

## Powerscreen delivers a profits advance

FROM EILEEN McCABE  
IN DUBLIN

POWERSCREEN, the screening, crushing and recycling group, increased profits last year and Shay McKeown, chief executive, said his order books were in a healthy state.

The company, based in Dungannon, Co Tyrone, made pre-tax profits of £36.1 million in the year ending March 31, compared with £29.1 million the previous year.

The company said the strong results were the result of its strategy of increasing the geographic spread of sales and expanding into new markets. Powerscreen now sells across Europe as well as in North America and the Far East.

The company said the strong results were the result of its strategy of increasing the geographic spread of sales and expanding into new markets. Powerscreen now sells across Europe as well as in North America and the Far East.

The company said the strong results were the result of its strategy of increasing the geographic spread of sales and expanding into new markets. Powerscreen now sells across Europe as well as in North America and the Far East.

In September, Powerscreen acquired Pegson for £13.5 million in an attempt to give the crushing and recycling division a better mix. The group said the purchase had enhanced its crushing equipment range, contributed to its results and was performing well.

Last month, after the end of its financial year, the company bought US Truck Cranes from JLG Industries for \$11.9 million. The Pennsylvania company designs and makes lorry-mounted hydraulic cranes.

A final dividend of 6.7p a share lifts the total to 9.2p, from 8.1p, payable from earnings of 30.5p a share, compared with 25p.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### IMI to raise £105m from Timet holding

IMI, the international engineering group, is raising £105 million in cash from the sale of the bulk of its shareholding in Titanium Metals Corporation (Timet), a US-based company. The sale is at a £70 million profit to the shareholding's net book value of £35 million. IMI is raising a further £13 million from the repayment of a \$20 million unsecured subordinated loan note.

Timet was formed last year from a merger of the titanium interests of IMI, Tremont Corporation and Union Titanium Sponge Corporation. IMI is reducing its shareholding from 38 per cent to 6.4 per cent as part of Timet's public offering, which was announced in May. At the time IMI said that it would raise between £92 million and £105 million from its participation in the offering. Timet's two leading shareholders have the option to purchase IMI's remaining stake for \$16 million. The options will expire on February 15, 1999. IMI's shares fell 5p to close at 355p yesterday.

### Price war hurts Frost

SHARES of Frost Group fell 8p to 101p after the independent petrol retailer warned shareholders that a prolonged price war had hit trading. James Frost, chairman, told the company's annual meeting that trading was worse than anticipated and that first-half sales would probably account for just one quarter of the year as a whole. He said rationalisation would continue in the industry and this would lead to mainly privately owned dealer sites being driven out of the market. "There will be fewer sites and fewer suppliers, and we anticipate Frost's business remaining a significant player," he added.

### OMI losses deepen

OMI, the engineering group, announced deepening losses of £1.4 million in the year to March 31, compared to £1.2 million last time. The declining fortunes reflected £10.9 million of previously written off goodwill, which relates to businesses no longer part of the group. Overall the group made a £2.6 million operating loss, which OMI said was the combination of two very different half years. OMI lost £3.1 million in the first half, reflecting one-off costs related to the sale of non-core businesses and job cuts. The benefits began to feed through in the second half, with an operating profit of £500,000. There is no dividend.

### No payout at Freepages

FREEPAGES GROUP, the classified directory information provider, reported pre-tax losses of £842,000 for the six months to March 31, compared with losses of £148,000 in the first half of the previous year. Losses per share were 1.35p (0.47p loss). There is again no interim dividend. These are the first results since the reverse takeover of Blagg and the company's admission to the Alternative Investment Market on February 27, and include just one month of trading of the Freepages business. The company said Freepages signed up 5,017 new customers in the first six months.

### Optimistic Caffyns

CAFFYNS, the Sussex auto dealer, yesterday said there are grounds for optimism on prospects "for the first time in many years" after seeing a significant rise in profits for the first months of 1996. The company already anticipates strong sales in August. However, results for the financial year to March 31 revealed a slight fall in profits to £629,000 (£676,000) before tax. Earnings were 12.6p a share, compared with 14p. The final dividend is unchanged at 6.5p a share, holding the total at 11.5p. The shares closed unchanged at 290p.

## Waddington to lift capacity Staveley dividend increase

BY OUR CITY STAFF

to 16.4p a share from 13.6p a share.

Nelson Group Services, a technical maintenance company, and MMP Quality Inspections, acquired during the year, contributed revenues of £22.7 million and operating profit of £1.1 million. The acquisitions and restructuring of the measurement division contributed to a rise in borrowings. The interest charge rose £800,000 to £3.4 million.

STAVELEY Industries, the measurement instruments and minerals company, is lifting the annual dividend for the first time since 1993 after achieving a 15 per cent rise in profits in the year to March 31.

Pre-tax profits improved to £23.2 million from £20.2 million on turnover that rose to £372.9 million. From £342.2 million, the company reported yesterday. Roy Hitchens,

said: "Our twin track approach of improving operational performance while refining strategic focus has begun to produce results."

However, in spite of the improved results announced yesterday, the company's shares fell 5p to finish the day at 219p.

The total dividend is increased to 9p a share from 8.5p, with a final 6.7p. The company's earnings improved

## Options for fixed assets

David Chitty joins the debate on the ASB's consultative paper on the treatment of impairment



David Chitty welcomes the new proposals from the ASB

difficult to understand for less sophisticated users, including the directors and shareholders of many smaller companies, and provides accountants with many creative opportunities.

The review of the accounting treatment will be influenced by international developments. A recently introduced US standard takes a broadly similar approach to impairment as the ASB's. On the wider subject of the full review of accounting for tangible fixed assets, existing US standards hold that all assets, except land, have a finite life and thus must be depreciated over their useful economic life.

In the US, upward valuations of fixed assets, which are permitted in the UK, are not allowed.

International accounting standards allow treatments, including upward revaluations, which are virtually identical to SSAPs 12 and 19.

Revisions in international standards resulting in the withdrawal of the exemption from depreciation given to investment properties are expected.

The European Commission is developing guidance on the treatment of impairment – such as expected future losses, a significant adverse change in the business environment or a material decrease in the market value of the asset.

This guidance is welcome.

However, the methodology of the impairment test appears complex and involves the use of predicted future cashflows and discounting. The methodology makes accounts more

difficult to understand for less

sophisticated users, including

the directors and shareholders

of many smaller companies,

and provides accountants with

many creative opportunities.

Acceptance by the ASB of the

international trend to require

all fixed assets to be depre-

cated is inconsistent with the

treatment that will be proposed

for goodwill and intangible

fixed assets in the wake of last October's public hearings. The ASB is pro-

posing all fixed assets to be depre-

cated.

Acceptance by the ASB of the

international trend to require

all fixed assets to be depre-

cated is inconsistent with the

treatment that will be proposed

for goodwill and intangible

fixed assets in the wake of last

October's public hearings. The ASB is pro-

posing all fixed assets to be depre-

cated.

Acceptance by the ASB of the

international trend to require

all fixed assets to be depre-

cated is inconsistent with the

treatment that will be proposed

for goodwill and intangible

fixed assets in the wake of last

October's public hearings. The ASB is pro-

posing all fixed assets to be depre-

cated.

Acceptance by the ASB of the

international trend to require

all fixed assets to be depre-

cated is inconsistent with the

treatment that will be proposed

for goodwill and intangible

fixed assets in the wake of last

October's public hearings. The ASB is pro-

posing all fixed assets to be depre-

cated.

Acceptance by the ASB of the

international trend to require

all fixed assets to be depre-

cated is inconsistent with the

treatment that will be proposed

for goodwill and intangible

fixed assets in the wake of last

October's public hearings. The ASB is pro-

posing all fixed assets to be depre-

cated.

Acceptance by the ASB of the

international trend to require

all fixed assets to be depre-

cated is inconsistent with the

treatment that will be proposed

for goodwill and intangible

**THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE**

## Bringing drunks down to earth

A curmudgeonly old relative once caused great amusement when, waking from a post-luncheon nap, he complained that he had a thumping headache because "They gave me too much to drink."

The excuse put forward this week for the behaviour of the England football team on the Cathay Pacific flight from Hong Kong was of similarly feeble quality.

Cabin crew are trained to pamper passengers — especially those who have paid more than £2,500 to travel in business-class comfort. But the recipients of all their care and attention are in turn expected to behave properly and to know when to stem the flow of free drinks. Those who do, and as a result cause damage or commit a criminal offence, face prosecution on landing — provided the aircraft is registered in Britain and the alleged incident took place in British airspace.

Cathay Pacific is registered in Hong Kong. Even though the colony is, for another year, British, Cathay is still regarded under British aviation law as "foreign". It would also have been almost impossible to tell whether the damage was caused in British or international airspace. So the England footballers could not have been prosecuted, whatever their alleged offences during the flight.

Had the culprits travelled with British Airways or Virgin, they probably would have been accused of criminal damage or perhaps endangering an aircraft. Some hardliners would, perhaps, say that the authorities should have invoked a clause in the Civil Aviation Act 1982, which would have held the alleged troublemakers in custody until they could be extradited for trial in Hong Kong.

Realistically, that was never going to happen, so the team



**The Travel Business**  
HARVEY ELLIOTT

escaped with a collective fine and a wagging from their manager.

But the incident has again raised the problem of how to deal with drunken or badly behaved passengers. Today Michael Colvin, MP, will try to steer a Private Member's Bill towards the creation of a law that would allow those who commit a crime on a plane to be prosecuted in Britain, wherever it is registered.

We can only wish him and his backers success, but even if all goes to plan it will be August before the measure is on the statute book: too late to deal with any potential Euro '96 thugs.

It is a pity, because the charter airlines especially were making strides towards ridding themselves of the menace of drunken passengers.

**F**ew of them now serve free drinks and those who have made it clear that if the captain is concerned he can divert, throw the problem passenger off, let him find his own way home, then take him to court to sue for the cost of the diversion.

Perhaps it is also time to consider taking duty-free items from passengers as they board to store in a sealed compartment, so that those denied alcohol on a flight cannot simply open their duty-free instead.

And it is yet another reason for barring the use of "flags of convenience" — the foreign charter jets whose British passengers would also be immune from prosecution — from being used in the British package-holiday market.

## Bargains of the week — latest offers on holidays, ferries, flights and hotels

### HOLIDAYS

■ RAVELLO's music festival runs from tomorrow until July 18 and places are available for a week's holiday at the Hotel Parafita on the Amalfi coast from June 21. Prices from Citalia start at £409 a person, including half-board and flight. Details: 0181-241 5111.

■ CRYSTAL Italy is offering savings of £100 on holidays to Florence starting on Saturday and continuing to July 13. Prices start at £375 a person for a week's bed and breakfast at a three-star hotel. Flights from Gatwick and Manchester. Details: 0181-390 5554.

■ THE Vendee coast for a week in a studio apartment for two adults and two children is available from £85.50 a person, including Portsmouth-Caen ferry crossings, from now until June 21 with Brittany Ferries. Details: 01932 360360.

■ TALL STORIES has a few places left on adventure holidays in June, including a week's mountain biking, paragliding and rafting in Austria from June 15 to £375 a person. Flights extra but special deals available. Details: 01932 252244.

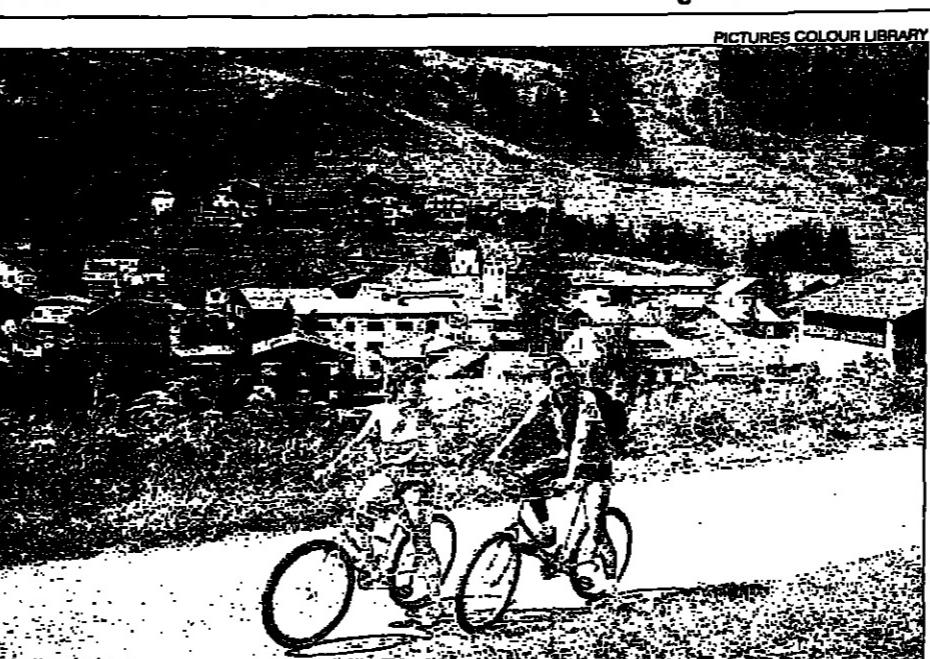
■ GREEK islands are on offer from Inspirations, including Zante from £246 a person, with flights from Newcastle on June 21 and 28 and from Birmingham on July 4, plus Rhodes for £239 from Gatwick on June 26. Details: 01293 822244.

■ THE MALDIVES are on special offer from Kuoni, with a fortnight's half-board at Bodufinolhu costing from £759 a person, a saving of up to £150, until July 14. Flights from Gatwick. Details: 01306 740500.

■ SAVINGS of £50 a person for holidays in Corsica and Sardinia in July and August are being offered by Holiday Options, bringing the price for a family of four at a Corsican property, for example, down to £1,336 for a week's bed and breakfast. Return flights from Gatwick included. Details: 0171-637 4422.

■ SUMMER breaks in Norway are being offered by Color Line with prices starting at £183 a person for a week's holiday, including return Newcastle-Bergen sailings and accommodation in the Aseral Chalet resort. Details: 0191-296 1313.

■ AUSTRALIA has launched a new Western Australia brochure, offering accommodation from £18 a person a night, car hire from £22 a day and motorhomes from £35. The company can provide flights to Perth from £549 return. Details: 0171-734 7755.



Riding the St Anton area: cycling holidays in Austria are on offer at £375 a person

### FERRIES

■ SEA FRANCE offers a £37 two-day return crossing on Dover-Calais for a car and up to five people, available until July 12. Book 48 hours in advance. June day trips are £10 per car and £1 per person (£10 supplement on Saturdays). Details: 01304 204204.

■ STENA LINE has £39 two-day returns for a car and up to five people on its routes to Calais, Dieppe and Cherbourg, with day-trip prices at £15 per car and £1 per person. As with P&O, Stena guarantees it will match any other fares. Details: 0990 767676.

■ P&O European Ferries also has new fares for travel by July 15 to Calais, Le Havre or Cherbourg. A two-day ticket costs £39 for a car and up to five passengers. Details: 0990 980980.

■ RED FUNNEL has a special limited capacity £25 return fare on Southampton-Ile of Wight 1am sailings for a car and up to four people. Available Sunday to Friday (excluding Cowes Week, August 3-9). Details: 01703 334010.

■ SWANSEA Cork Ferries (01792 456116) is promoting Ford Cork Week, which is expected to draw 10,000 visitors to a series of international yacht races between July 15 and 19. Fares for a car and up to five passengers start at £119 one-way until July 16 (foot passengers £28).

■ MEMBERS of Eva Air's Evergreen loyalty scheme qualify for a £25 voucher redeemable against most tickets between London, Bangkok and Taipei. Details: 0171-837 5391.

### HOTELS

■ THE Petersham Hotel, overlooking the Thames at Richmond and convenient for Ascot and Wimbledon, has a two-night "lobster and luxury" package available until the end of July for £119 a person. As well as room and breakfast, the price includes a special shellfish dinner. Details: 0181-940 7471.

■ THE Brighton Thistle Hotel, located on the seafront, has a special rate from July 5 until August 23 of £89 a double room a night, including breakfast, instead of the normal rate for two people of £164.50 a night. The offer is based on a minimum two-night stay. Details: 01273 306700.

■ SCOTTISH golfing hotel Gleneagles has a "summer whites" programme offering full board for two nights, with extra summer activities ranging from an Edwardian-style picnic to croquet, bowls and rafting on the River Tay. Price: £356 a person until the end of August. Details: 01764 662221.

■ THE Radisson Edwardian Group has relaunched its Marlborough Hotel in central London after a £2.75 million facelift with a weekend theatre-break package. Costing £97 a person, the price includes one night's accommodation with breakfast, a theatre ticket to a top show and discounted dining vouchers. Details: 0171-636 5601.

■ HILTON INTERNATIONAL's new summer promotion offers discounts of up to 30 per cent off regular rates at more than 140 hotels worldwide. Details: 0800 8568000.

■ MARRIOTT's summer leisure-break rates include complimentary room breakfast, late checkout on Sundays and a 20 per cent discount on dinners for two. Starting June 30, until September 3. Details: 0800 221222.

■ LEARN to play golf at Turnberry in Scotland for £675 a person for three nights' accommodation, dinner, equipment hire and tuition. The final day will include a nine-hole round with a PGA professional. Details: 01653 331000.

■ QUEEN'S MOAT HOUSES' new "host of Europe" packages cover 30 four-star and five-star continental hotels, with prices starting from £104 a couple for two nights. The offer includes 20 per cent off P&O ferry crossings. Details: 0645 333666.

■ SUMMER in the City promotional rates from Summit Hotels, representing some 52 de luxe hotels worldwide, include £160 for the Landmark in London. Details: 0800 555555.

TO ADVERTISE CALL  
0171 481 1989

## CHECK-IN

FAX: 0171 481 9313

A superb weekend break in the historic Viking and Roman city of YORK with **Concorde** for £369\*



9-11 August or 25-27 October  
Friday Morning: From London to York by rail.  
Friday and Saturday nights at York Stakis Hotel.  
Sunday Afternoon: Transfer to Leeds Airport for British Airways Concorde subsonic champagne flight to London Heathrow.

\*per person based on 2 sharing.

For details contact Yorkshire Charters  
01924 280189

**Charter**  
RENT A CAR CENTRE  
EUROPE  
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND



WORLDWIDE  
Return flights from:  
Atlanta • Boston • Chicago • Dallas • Denver • Honolulu • Los Angeles • Miami • New York • Orlando • Philadelphia • Phoenix • San Francisco • Seattle • St. Louis • Washington • Wellington • Zurich

0171 828 1090

**Air Vacations**  
USA  
BOOK IT 14 JUNE  
JUN/JULY/AUGUST  
SEASIDE

1017-828 1137

**ACCESS**  
TRAVEL



OVER 200 DESTINATIONS

01708 500 600

01476 74111 ABTA C9207

**FLIGHTSEATS**



Independent Car Hire

Available. Small Agents for AT&T, Indigo.

01708 500 600

**MAJOR USA & CANADIAN SPECIALISTS**

MAJOR TRAVEL offers great value on low cost flights.

We fly from 150 ILE Airports

in the USA & Canada, with leading scheduled airlines.

SUMMER Fares

NEW YORK 329

BOSTON 395

LOS ANGELES 455

SAN FRANCISCO 455

WASHINGTON 359

TORONTO 345

VANCOUVER 459

AIRFARE £26.00 - Prices from

0171 485 7017

RESERVATIONS

0171 485 7017

TELEGRAMS

0171 485 7017

TELETYPE

0171 485 7017

TELEFAX

0171 485 7017

TELETYPE

0171 485 7017



## Law Report June 6 1996 Privy Council

## Finance company entitled to recover advance from mortgagors

**Goss v Chilcott**

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tolliclestone, Lord Steyn, Lord Hoffmann and Lord Cooke of Thorndon [Judgment May 23]

By a claim in restitution, a finance company was entitled to recover from mortgagors the amount of an advance made to them which was secured by a mortgage over their property even though by reason of alteration to the mortgage instrument they had been discharged from liability thereunder.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held despite dismissing an appeal by the appellants Murray Stanley Goss and Jennifer Roseanne Goss, from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand [1995] NZLR 263], allowing an appeal by the respondent, Laurence George Chilcott as liquidator of Central Acceptance Ltd, from Mr Justice Neazor in the High Court of New Zealand who had dismissed the respondent's action against the appellants.

Mr Christopher Walsham, of the New Zealand Bar, for the appellants; Mr John Reardon, of the New Zealand Bar, for the respondent.

**LORD GOFF** said that the company had made an advance to the appellants secured by a mortgage.

The mortgage instrument was subsequently altered by a solicitor, Mr Haddon, in circumstances in which, on the authority of cases stretching back to *Pigor's Case*

(1614) 11 Co Rep 26b), the appellants were discharged from liability under the instrument from the date of the alteration. The question was on what basis, if any, the company was entitled to recover the amount of the advance from the appellants.

Mr Haddon, a director of a small finance company, had put forward a proposal for a loan to the appellants Mrs Goss was his wife. The proposal, which was agreed to for an advance of NZ\$30,000 for three months on the security of the appellants' property.

On May 6, 1987, a cheque for \$30,000 drawn on the company's account was paid to Haddon Marshall & Co for the credit of Mr Haddon.

The mortgage was executed and secured a principal sum of \$30,000 repayable on August 6, 1987, carrying interest payable on three dates.

Mr Goss's evidence was that Mr Haddon had told him that he wanted to borrow \$30,000 but as a director of a small finance company, Mr Haddon had asked him to give a mortgage over his property on the basis that Mr Haddon would repay the loan in three months and then have the security cancelled. Mr Goss had agreed.

The mortgage was subsequently altered, the repayment date being amended to May 6, 1988, and the interest dates were also amended. That was done without the mortgagors' authority or knowledge.

Only two repayments were

made to the company in respect of the loan: \$914.25 on July 31, 1987, and \$2,625 on November 6, 1987. Both were appropriated to interest due.

Mr Goss said that in September, 1987, Mr Haddon had led him to believe that the loan had been repaid and the security cancelled. The company's claim for proceedings against the appellants and Mr Justice Neazor reached a number of conclusions on the facts which were accepted by the Court of Appeal.

He held that there were two transactions: a loan by the company to the appellants, secured by a mortgage on the appellants' property, and a personal loan of the same sum by the appellants to Mr Haddon. He rejected a submission by the appellants that they had never received the money, which had been paid to Mr Haddon whom they had authorised to receive it.

He held that the mortgage instrument was in the possession of Mr Haddon at the time when it was altered; and that the possession of Mr Haddon at that time had to be held to have been the possession of the company.

He held that the company was unable to sue the appellants on the mortgage instrument and that its alternative claim for money had and received failed because there had been no failure of consideration for the advance, consideration having been furnished for it in the form of a valid registrable mortgage.

In those circumstances the loan

made to the company in respect of the loan: \$914.25 on July 31, 1987, and \$2,625 on November 6, 1987. Both were appropriated to interest due.

Mr Goss said that in September, 1987, Mr Haddon had led him to believe that the loan had been repaid and the security cancelled. The company's claim for proceedings against the appellants and Mr Justice Neazor reached a number of conclusions on the facts which were accepted by the Court of Appeal.

He held that there were two transactions: a loan by the company to the appellants, secured by a mortgage on the appellants' property, and a personal loan of the same sum by the appellants to Mr Haddon. He rejected a submission by the appellants that they had never received the money, which had been paid to Mr Haddon whom they had authorised to receive it.

He held that the mortgage instrument was in the possession of Mr Haddon at the time when it was altered; and that the possession of Mr Haddon at that time had to be held to have been the possession of the company.

He held that the company was unable to sue the appellants on the mortgage instrument and that its alternative claim for money had and received failed because there had been no failure of consideration for the advance, consideration having been furnished for it in the form of a valid registrable mortgage.

In those circumstances the loan

appeared to have been advanced to the appellants pursuant to the terms of the mortgage instrument, but it was entitled to rely simply on the advance, and an agreement to repay it in three months, together with an implied agreement to pay monthly interest.

They held that the company was entitled to recover the advance but not interest and gave judgment against the appellants for \$26,460.75, the capital sum of the advance which was treated as having been reduced by the two payments of interest.

Mr Reardon felt unable to uphold the Court of Appeal decision that the consideration advanced could be claimed as a debt notwithstanding the avoidance of the mortgage instrument or that a preceding oral agreement by the appellants to repay the advance survived the discharge of the appellants from liability under the mortgage instrument.

Their Lordships were unable to agree with Mr Justice Neazor's conclusion that the company could not succeed on its claim in restitution because there had been no total failure of consideration for the loan.

The advance was paid by the company to Haddon Marshall & Co, as solicitors. After execution of the mortgage instrument it was then available to the appellants but was in fact received by Mr Haddon, as agreed between him and the appellants.

In those circumstances the loan

appeared to have been advanced to the company and so the company had to seek recovery in restitution.

If the appellants had been discharged from liability when they had paid nothing, by way of consideration or interest, to the company there was no reason in principle why it should not be able to recover the amount of the advance on the ground that the money had been paid for a consideration which had failed: namely, the failure of the instrument, the performance of the promise to repay the advance upon that ground.

If the second interest payment did not fall due until after the avoidance of the instrument, the consideration for that interest payment would have failed, at least in principle, because the money was payable in advance, and it would prima facie be recoverable by the appellants on the ground of failure of consideration but that would not affect the conclusion that the capital sum would be recoverable by the company also on that ground.

When one is considering the law of failure of consideration and of the quasi-contractual right to recover from the party that failed, it is generally speaking, not the promise which is referred to as the consideration, but the performance of the promise . . . there are endless examples which show that money can be recovered, as for a complete failure of consideration, in cases where the promise was given but could not be fulfilled."

Their Lordships were unable to agree with Mr Justice Neazor's conclusion that the company could not succeed on its claim in restitution because there had been no total failure of consideration for the loan.

But that course was not open to the company, because the appellants had been discharged from their obligations under the mortgag-

ers instrument and so the company had to seek recovery in restitution.

If the appellants had been discharged from liability when they had paid nothing, by way of consideration or interest, to the company there was no reason in principle why it should not be able to recover the amount of the advance on the ground that the money had been paid for a consideration which had failed: namely, the failure of the instrument, the performance of the promise to repay the advance upon that ground.

If the second interest payment did not fall due until after the avoidance of the instrument, the consideration for that interest payment would have failed, at least in principle, because the money was payable in advance, and it would prima facie be recoverable by the appellants on the ground of failure of consideration but that would not affect the conclusion that the capital sum would be recoverable by the company also on that ground.

In following the money to be paid to Mr Haddon, they had definitely taken the risk that he would be unable to repay the money, whereupon they would have to repay it without recourse to him.

Mr Haddon would now be fruitless in their quest, by invoking the defence of change of position, to shift that loss on to the company. They could do no such thing.

The fact that they could not now obtain reimbursement from Mr Haddon did not in the circumstances render it inequitable for them to be required to make restitution to the company in respect of the enrichment which they had received at the company's expense.

Accordingly, their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be dismissed.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Simmonds Church Smiles.

## Tax payable when benefit is available

**Templeton (Inspector of Taxes) v Jacobs**

Before Mr Justice Jonathan Parker [Judgment May 22]

Liability to Schedule E income tax for benefits in kind provided by reason of a taxpayer's employment under section 154 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 did not arise until such time as the benefit became available to the taxpayer for his enjoyment.

Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so held in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of a special commissioner (Mr T.H.K. Everitt) that had reduced a Schedule E tax assessment raised on the taxpayer, Mr Mark S. Jacobs, for the year 1991-92.

The commissioner had held that the benefit was an amount of £30,908 paid to building contractors for a loft conversion at the taxpayer's home, was assessable in the tax year in which the payment was made, and not during the year

in which the building work was completed and the conversion available for use.

Section 154 of the 1988 Act provides:

"(1) Where in any year a person is employed . . . and — (a) by reason of his employment there is provided for him . . . any benefit to which this section applies . . . there is to be treated as emoluments of the employment, and accordingly chargeable to tax under Schedule E, an amount equal to whatever is the cash equivalent of the benefit."

Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown; Mr Patrick Way for Mr Jacobs.

MR JUSTICE JONATHAN PARKER said that in January 1991 Mr Jacobs had accepted an offer of employment by City Electrical Factors Ltd to commence on May 1, 1991.

The employment required him to work from home and CEF did not commence until May 1, 1991, and therefore he was outwith the terms of section 154.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Ireland Revenue; Nabarro Nathanson.

## European Law Report

## Liability to pay damages over ban on export of live animals

**Regina v Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ex parte Hedley Lomas (Ireland) Ltd**

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President, and Judges C. N. Kakouris, D. A. O. Edward, G. Hirsch, G. F. Marchi, F. A. Schockweller, J. C. Molinho de Almeida, P. J. G. Kapteyn J. L. Murray, H. Ragneman and L. Sevon

Advocate General P. Léger [Opinion June 20, 1995]

[Judgment May 23]

The refusal by one member state to grant a licence for the export to another member state of live sheep for slaughter, which constituted a quantitative restriction on exports in breach of article 34 of the EC Treaty, could not be justified, under article 36, by the first member state's belief that the

second member state was not complying with an EEC directive relating to the protection of animals intended for slaughter.

A member state had an obligation to make good damage caused to an individual by a refusal to issue an export licence in breach of article 34, if certain conditions were satisfied.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court, by order of December 6, 1993.

Article 36 of the Treaty provides: "The provisions of articles 30 to 34 shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on . . . exports . . . justified on grounds of . . . the protection of health and life of animals..."

In its judgment the European

court held:

Council Directive 74/577/EEC of November 18, 1974 on stunning of animals before slaughter (OJ 1974 L316 p10) was intended to remove the disparities between the legislation of member states in the field of protection of animals which directly affected the functioning of the common market.

It also sought, in general, to avoid all forms of cruelty to animals and, as a first step, unnecessary suffering on the part of animals when being slaughtered. Articles 1 and 2 required member states to ensure the stunning by appropriate approved methods, of certain animals for at least 24 hours.

Although it did not have sufficient evidence as to the overall position in Spanish slaughterhouses, the minister formed the view that the information in its possession indicated a degree of non-compliance with the directive

such as to create a substantial risk that animals exported to Spain for slaughter would suffer treatment contrary to the directive.

Despite the adoption of that decree, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food became convinced, in particular on the basis of information obtained from the Spanish Society for the Protection of Animals, that a number of Spanish slaughterhouses were not complying with the rules in the directive, either because they did not have the necessary equipment for stunning animals or because the equipment was not being used correctly or at all.

Although it did not have sufficient evidence as to the overall position in Spanish slaughterhouses, the minister formed the view that the information in its possession indicated a degree of non-compliance with the directive

such as to create a substantial risk that animals exported to Spain for slaughter would suffer treatment contrary to the directive.

Accordingly, the minister took the decision to ban the export of live sheep for slaughter to Spain.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

The minister had been given a report by the Spanish Society for the Protection of Animals which showed that the Spanish slaughterhouses were not complying with the rules in the directive, either because they did not have the necessary equipment for stunning animals or because the equipment was not being used correctly or at all.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

The minister had been given a report by the Spanish Society for the Protection of Animals which showed that the Spanish slaughterhouses were not complying with the rules in the directive, either because they did not have the necessary equipment for stunning animals or because the equipment was not being used correctly or at all.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.

Such a ban was justified, in so far as it was necessary to protect the health and safety of consumers.





**CHOICE 1**  
Football crazy:  
Michael Nyman  
celebrates  
Euro 96 in music  
VENUE: Tonight at  
the Festival Hall



**CHOICE 2**  
Peter Ustinov  
plays the  
great composer in  
*Beethoven's Tenth*  
VENUE: From tonight at  
the Chichester Festival

## LONDON

**CLASS OLDENBURG: AN ANTHOLOGY** The first retrospective exhibition of the innovative American artist to be shown in Britain for more than 25 years, featuring over 100 works, including sculptures, "paint" objects and colossal monuments, the show features 150 sculptures, paintings, drawings, notebooks, prints and sketches by the New York City-based artist. Berth Corlett, SE1 (0171-922 5144). Opens from today, 10am-6pm (Tue and Wed to 8pm), until August 18. £5.

**LEON KOSSOFF:** More than 80 paintings by one of the most original of one of the most distinctive British artists of the postwar period. Kossow's evocation of London's urban landscape is complemented here by a parallel exhibition of work by the painter of the Tate Gallery, Milford, SW1 (0171-887 8000). Opens from today, 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2pm-8pm, until September 1.

**TEAM PLAYERS:** Two of Britain's most exciting composers, Michael Nyman and Michael Nyman, are coming to the Festival Hall to celebrate the Euro '96 football championship. The evening features the two British bands, Morrissey and the Manic Street Preachers, in response to the Heysel Stadium disaster, and A&E - a five-a-side football match, played live on stage by the ten musicians of Nyman's band. With the Puffin Club, the肯尼·尼尔·罗杰斯 leading a

**BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS** Dennis Potter's poignant drama of wartime childhood, this production's comedy overlaid with the frail structure of a lyrical, South Bank, SE1 (0171-929 1000). Tonight 8pm, mat. 8pm. In rep. £10.

**COMPANY:** Adrian Lester, Sheila Gish, Sophie Thompson in an excellent staging of Sondheim's bewitching musical on marriage, pro and contra. At the Savoy Theatre, WC2 (0171-388 1768). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat. 8pm. Sun 2pm-8pm, until July 20. £25.

**DAMES AT SEA:** Kim Cattrall, Sara Crowe, Penelope Keith in the first of three musicals in the BBC Covent Garden Festival: a comedy musical in the style of the 1930s, music by Jim West, John Gardiner directs. At the Savoy, WC2 (0171-388 1768). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat. 8pm. Sun 2pm-8pm, until July 20. £25.

**FUNERAL GAMES:** Amazing cast! Phil Willmott's revival of Joe Orton's jet-black comedy, set in the HQ of a ward refugee sex Ad Art, Babe Bourne, Sylvester McCoy and Anna McDonald.

## NEW RELEASES

**FARGO** (18) A kidnapping goes haywire in the Midwest. Wonderful, humane crime thriller from Joel and Ethan Coen. Directed by Frances McDormand and William H. Macy. **BESTIAL** (18) (0171-638 8891) **Chelaes** (0171-351 3742) **Gato** (18) (0171-727 4043) **MILITIA** **Troadero** (18) (0171-434 0033) **MONSTERS** **Contar** (0171-351 0036) **PIRATES** (0171-353 8816) **RIO** (0171-254 5677) **Ritz** (0171-936 2772) **Screams** (0171-435 3889) **SEA** (0171-312 9408) **Screen** (0171-332 3721) **Shame** (0171-351 8736) **Werner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **FROM DUSK TILL DAWN** (18) Playing now. A new danger movie. Jason Patric, Director Robert Rodriguez and writer/actor Quentin Tarantino. With George Clooney and Harvey Keitel. **MGM** **Cinema** (0171-352 5086) **COCKTAIL** (18) (0171-414 4656) **Marble Arch** (0171-914 5011) **Smiles** (0171-914 4098) **West End** (0171-915 5747) **Ritz** (0171-737 2121) **UCH Whitley** (0171-782 3332)

**MY LIFE AND TIMES WITH ANTONIN ARTAUD:** Absorbing portrait of the theatrical visionary's last years in Paris, with Winifred Gray, Gérard Marthaler. **ICA** **Cinema** (0171-930 3647)

**CURRENT** ◆ **THE BIRDCAGE** (15) Crass, gaudy remake of *La Cage aux Folles*, with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as the

## TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Mackay

performed Instrument ensemble Bednidge in works by Handel, Böhmeyer, Bononcini and Pepusch

South Bank, London SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, both at 7.30pm. £5.

**ELSEWHERE**

**CHICHESTER** A rare opportunity to see Peter Ustinov playing someone other than Ustinov. In this case Ludwig van Beethoven. **Tenor** (01243 72500). Fri and Sat 8pm; mat 4pm, Sun 7.30pm. £5.

**NEWCASTLE** Japan's leading

choreographer Saburo Tanigawa

has joined forces with local sound

artists to create a fusion of East and

East-meets-garde production in a disused

power station. Part of the Northern

Electric Dance festival.

Power Station, Newcastle, 7.30pm, Fri

and Sat 8pm; mat 4pm, Sun 7.30pm. £5.

**LONDON GALLERIES**

**BURLINSON** (0171-638 4141)

**CATIE GALLERY** *Anya Waterhouse*

(0171-435 6569) ...

**NATIONAL GALLERY** *Degas Beyond*

(0171-839 4747) ...

**Tate Modern** (0171-257 6000)

**THEATRE GUIDE**

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House hall, some seats available

■ Seats at all prices

**DRILL HALL** Charles St, WC1 (0171-637 7200). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Until June 22.

■ **ON THE BOULEVARD** Ballena,

singer, actress and Tony Award winner

Uma Thurman performs a

one-woman show by Tommy Tune

Jermyn St, SW1 (0171-287 2879). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat 6.30pm, mat Thu-Sun, 7pm. Until June 23.

■ **SAUL DAY'S** Welcome return of Julian Sands' tuneful, directed

by Del Shern, Nicole Furtado and Simon Connolly play the young lovers in a company that also includes Kit and

Vivienne Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Wed, 7.30pm, mat Sat-Sun, 8pm. Until July 20. £25.

■ **DAMES AT SEA:** Kim Cattrall, Sara Crowe, Penelope Keith in the first of

three musicals in the BBC Covent Garden

Festival: a comedy musical in the style

of the 1930s, music by Jim West, John

Gardiner directs. At the Savoy, WC2 (0171-388 1768). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat. 8pm. Sun 2pm-8pm, until July 20. £25.

■ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW:** Jose Lawrence and Michael Sturany two of the few good things in this peculiar

OTT production.

## THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House hall, some seats available

■ Seats at all prices

**SHAKESPEARE**

■ **PRIMAL FEAR** (18) Cocky defence

attorney Richard Gere gets stuck into

a case he doesn't understand. With

Emilia Fox, Helen Mirren, Julia Roberts

and John Goodman. Directed by Gregory Hoblit.

Empire (0800-888 9111) **Baker**

Street (0171-932 2699) **Truman** (0171-370 2699) **Coronet** (0171-276 0500) **Odyssey** (0171-257 6028) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233)

■ **RICHARD III** (18) Shakespeare

updated to the 1930s' dynamic cinema, with Ian McKellen, Director, Richard

Lionardi.

Coventry (0171-372 2699) **Tudor** (0171-252 6000) **Odyssey** (0171-372 2121)

■ **COPYCAT** (18) **Appropriate**

Secrets (0800-888 9111) **Miller**

(0171-352 5085) **Petham**

Row (0171-372 2699) **Tudor** (0171-252 6000) **Odyssey** (0171-372 2121)

■ **SECRET & LIES** (18) Mike Leigh's

comes up short about family life, its

pains, bonds, and skeletons. With

Colin Firth, Director, Richard

Lionardi.

Coventry (0171-372 2699) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233)

■ **MONEY TRAP** (18) Nasty antics in

New York's subway system, with Wesley

Spoor and Whosever. Director,

Joseph Ruben.

Coventry (0171-372 2699) **West** (0171-474 0301) **Wright** (0171-474 0301)

■ **IL POSTINO** (18) Michael Hoffman's

heartwarming drama about a simple

man opening his eyes to poetry

MGM (01263 914 008) **Smiles** (0171-372 2121) **UCH Whitley** (0171-782 3332)

## MY LIFE AND TIMES WITH ANTONIN ARTAUD

Absorbing portrait of the theatrical visionary's last years in Paris, with Winifred Gray, Gérard Marthaler. **ICA** **Cinema** (0171-930 3647)

## CURRENT

◆ **THE BIRDCAGE** (15) Crass, gaudy

remake of *La Cage aux Folles*, with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as the

## CINEMA GUIDE

Gill Brown's assessment of films on release across the country

■ **PRIMAL FEAR** (18) Cocky defence

attorney Richard Gere gets stuck into

a case he doesn't understand. With

Emilia Fox, Helen Mirren, Julia Roberts

and John Goodman. Directed by Gregory Hoblit.

Empire (0800-888 9111) **Baker**

Street (0171-932 2699) **Truman** (0171-370 2699) **Coronet** (0171-257 6028) **Odyssey** (0171-257 6028) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233)

■ **THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (AMBERLEY)** (18) **EVENING** (5.30pm) PREVIEWS FROM 25 JUNE

OCTOBER 1996

■ **SECRET & LIES** (18) Mike Leigh's

comes up short about family life, its

pains, bonds, and skeletons. With

Colin Firth, Director, Richard

Lionardi.

Coventry (0171-372 2699) **Tudor** (0171-252 6000) **Odyssey** (0171-372 2121)

■ **COPYCAT** (18) **Appropriate**

Secrets (0800-888 9111) **Miller**

(0171-352 5085) **Petham**

Row (0171-372 2699) **Tudor** (0171-252 6000) **Odyssey** (0171-372 2121)

■ **MONEY TRAP** (18) Nasty antics in</p



## ■ OPERA 1

How I shall stage Verdi for Covent Garden: Luc Bondy lifts the curtain on his *Don Carlos*



## ■ OPERA 2

*Carmen* out of doors at Holland Park. Bizet's tunes just manage to defeat the passing jumbos



## ■ THEATRE

The ubiquitous Jane Austen arrives in Chichester, with a staging of *Mansfield Park*



## ■ TOMORROW

Rolling on to new musical territories: the extra-mural activities of Charlie Watts

OPERA: John Higgins talks to director Luc Bondy about bringing *Don Carlos* to Covent Garden; plus Bizet in the park

# Why we refresh the bits of Verdi that others cut

Only the English horse has been sacked. The production of *Don Carlos*, which opens Covent Garden's Verdi Festival on Tuesday, carries substantially the same cast it had when playing to all-round acclaim and packed houses at the Châtelet in Paris in early spring. The roster of singers, led by Roberto Alagna in the title role and Thomas Hampson as Posa, has a strength recalling the great Visconti *Carlos* at the Royal Opera in 1958. But the home-bred steed in Act I which carries off Elisabeth de Valois (Karita Mattila) to meet her future husband, Philip II of Spain, has been replaced on grounds of unreliability. Luc Bondy, in London supervising his Paris staging, has recalled the white charger (plus handler) who behaved immaculately at the Châtelet. Will equus need an Equity card?

*Carlos* is Bondy's first excursion into Italian opera. Or rather French opera. This is the five-act Paris version, with a number of traditional cuts restored and a good deal of new light thrown on a work which now bids to be Verdi's grandest opera and, some would argue, his most complex. Bondy admits that it was the lure of doing something new which made him accept an assignment outside his normal operatic paths of Mozart and Strauss.

"Patrice Chéreau once said that staging opera can be lazy work for a director if you are content with putting on what is there already. But our *Carlos* is in part a reconstruction, using some of the recent discoveries by musicologists of what was cut by Verdi before the Paris first night. The most important comes after the death of Posa, the so-called *Lacrymosa* scene, in which Philip and Carlos confront one another. Verdi reused the music, of course, in the *Requiem*. But without it the audience cannot understand fully that the father has taken everything from his son: first Elisabeth, the wife he wanted, and now his best friend."

"Equally, *Carlos* must have the opening Fontainebleau act. Carlos and Elisabeth fall instantly in love, the only time in the opera that we see *la jeunesse en amour*, the key to much that follows. If La Scala had invited me to do the four-act Italian version, I would have had to say no. Opening *Carlos* in the monastery of San Yuste is totally unsexy."

Loneliness in *Carlos* was one of the themes which attracted Bondy. He handled it superbly in Richard Strauss's *Salomé* at Covent Garden a year ago in a production so mesmeric it made the Coliseum's recent effort look tame.

"There is a great deal of isolation

in *Carlos*. Elisabeth is in essence a French aristocrat living in exile. Posa is a loner because of his ideological beliefs. I have been criticised for giving Tom [Hampson] long hair and a wild-eyed look, but I see him as half a Renaissance figure and half a Dostoevskian zealot, from *The Possessed* perhaps. Carlos's admiration for him has an unstated homoerotic content. Most isolated of all is King Philip, kept apart from others by his rank."

Bondy illustrates Philip's long

that *Carlos* is not all gold. "The auto-da-fé scene is almost impossible. Musically it is terrible and how can you have all those people being burnt on stage when one minute later the curtain comes down and everyone bursts into applause. I have been accused of not liking spectacle. In part that is true if it is spelled out, then it is boring. It has to be implied. I am not keen on *auto-da-fé*."

The close of the opera is also unsatisfactory. Who is this grandfather, Charles V, who takes Carlos into his arms? How does he differ from Philip II? Verdi's librettists let him down here, and for once he did not pull them up. He needed a Shakespeare to provide a presence as potent as the Ghost in *Hamlet*."

Bondy was born in Switzerland but his reputation was established first in Germany and notably at the Schaubühne in Berlin during the 1980s. There he learnt much from Peter Stein — "a rare example of practitioner, intellectual and teacher, one of the few men of the theatre ready to hand down his knowledge". Bondy introduced the Schaubühne to the work of Hugo von Hofmannsthal, an author with whom he has been much associated. When Stein left in 1985, Bondy was his natural successor, but he did not stay long. "All was running so well that there was nothing left to do."

Sleep is not in Bondy's nature. In between *Don Carlos* in Paris and Tuesday night in London he has been closeted in Normandy co-writing with Françoise Sagan a film of Maupassant's *Bel-Ami*, which he will start shooting next year. "I'm fascinated by this hero whose career takes off with scarcely an obstacle in his way. The faster he rises the colder he becomes. Quite relevant for the 1990s?"

After the Paris *Carlos*, Bondy announced that he had had enough of opera for the time being. He has rethought that, while being reluctant to submit to its timetable, which ties up directors years ahead. He has his eye on Janáček's *Kája Kabanová* — no spectacle — which will move him back halfway in the direction of *Lulu* and *Wozzeck*, where his operatic career began under pressure from Anja Silja and Christoph von Dohnányi, his later partners in *Salomé*. And he is working with the composer Philippe Boesmans on an opera tentatively called *The Jealousy of Leontes*, based on A Winter's Tale.

More problems with the supernatural when Hermione's statue comes back to life?

"No. Not the supernatural. She has been alive all the time: And anyhow it's Shakespeare."

• *Don Carlos* opens at the Royal Opera House (0171-304 4000) on Tuesday

How can you have people burnt on stage when a minute later everyone is applauding?

LUC BONDY

Act IV meditation, *Elle ne m'aime pas*, by having Elisabeth alone in bed on stage. "This was a deliberate attempt to overcome the problem always carried by big arias which almost everyone knows. The music is very familiar, but what about the content? Very unfamiliar to many, whatever they may say. At times like these, explanation is necessary."

Approaching 50, Bondy is a witty, energetic figure, bubbling with ideas. He is forthright, very unstarry-eyed and ready to concede



Give the man a cigar: both Antoni Garfield Henry as Don José and Klara Uleman in the title role shine in European Chamber Opera's production of Bizet's *Carmen* in Holland Park, west London

## A little goose in need of some sauce

First, a confession. When I tried reading this novel some years ago, I gave up about two thirds of the way through because I could not endure the company of mucky Fanny Price for one more page. So until seeing this bold and — what to call it? — inventive adaptation by Willis Hall I had no idea what happened to the little goose after she departed, misunderstood by all, from Sir Thomas Bertram's stately Northamptonshire seat. Would the man she shyly, secretly, silently loves (Sir T's son, Edmund) continue to think he wants to marry cunning, cool, calculating Mary Crawford? How would Jane Austen contrive to bring the booby to his senses and pair him off with the girl who has worshipped him ever since she arrived at Mansfield Park as a ten-year-old all-but-orphan Fanny?

In Michael Rudman's breezy production, his first work here since giving up the job of artistic director in 1990, Lucy Scott makes a worthy try at turning the heroine from goose to human, though the task is probably impossible. Hall makes many changes to the way events are presented in the novel, and also gives Fanny a couple of tart rejoinders when Edmund's tactless praise of Mary really gets up her nose. Even I could tell that these were way out of character, as though a shrinking violet had suddenly leapt from



the ground to bite the boot that crushed it.

When presenting the sweet-natured, good, uncomplaining, honest and scrupulous 99.9 per cent of Fanny's character, Scott manages to keep priggishness at a low level. She moves well, and charmingly greets her midshipman brother with a cry of delight. But Fanny's propriety is as difficult to take on the stage as on the page, and in one respect is open to serious confusion.

This concerns the crucial event in the book when the young Bertram decide to put on a romantic play while Sir Thomas (Tony Britton, grave and serious) is away. The rehearsals bring susceptible persons disconcertingly close to one another and this forwards the plot, but the role-playing is also a metaphor for emotional falseness. Fanny's excessive agitation at the prospect of acting leads one to think, "Oh, here she goes again," and the wider reference passes unnoticed.

Rudman's production incorporates fair bit of dancing, introducing the four young Bertrams by having them bound onto the stage, over the sofa and away. Necessary

information that even Hall cannot turn into dialogue is spoken by three servants, though only Clive Kneller's Harkness brings out the dry wit of the comments on leisure life. Poppy Miller subtly understates the amorality of Mary: Jay Villiers is an amusing ox-like Rushworth.

The country-house set designed by Simon Higlett has charm, and Rudman's marshalling of his characters is deft but there is no dispute. Disasters rock the family but are poorly dramatised, so that the inevitable happy union, after a snappy comment from

JEREMY KINGSTON

## CONCERT: A Thea Musgrave premiere in Scotland

### Burns night songs

A POSTER on the road outside Dumfries confirms that there is indeed an "Arts Festival 1996," the newly pasted-on "6" making it seem all the more immediate. In the town itself early-evening entertainment is restricted to an inexplicable traffic jam by the river and a choice between Indian and Chinese take-away; the only place to escape the rain, it seems, is the coffee shop in a Safeway big enough to accommodate a small orchestra and a sizeable audience.

In fact, the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra's concert is just out of town in the Easterbrook Hall — turn off the main road at St Michael's Church and the Burns Mausoleum — in what turns out to be a splendidly landscaped mental hospital. Unlike though it seems, it has to be the right place because Thea Musgrave is there already with her husband and a representative from Novello carrying scores of the Burns settings commissioned (before its embarrassing collapse) by the First Burns International Festival and about to be introduced to the world as the principal feature of the 17th Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival.

Though inappropriately



even though the idiom is obviously very different and Musgrave's use of traditional tunes is more allusive than direct: they are as likely to be woven, more or less fragmentarily, into the orchestral texture as poised on the vocal line. Moreover, unlike Caneleoube's compilation, the seven songs are arranged as a cycle — covering a lifetime from *I am my mammy's as bairn* to *John Anderson my jo*, John and rounded off with a subtle recall of the opening music towards the end.

The familiarity of the material, though reassuring to the audience, does not make the work easy to sing, since the vocal line so often veers away from the natural inflection and the expected harmony. The soloist Marti McLaughlin and the conductor Joseph Swensen had not solved all the problems. But, awkward though the performance occasionally was, the affectionate quality of the score — in the highly lyrical *Summer's a pleasant time*, for example, or the delightful scherzando duet between soprano and piccolo in *O whistle an I'll come to ye* — was everywhere in unmistakable evidence.

GERALD LARNER

**Michèle Roberts** on the genteel world of Anita Brookner, where still surfaces hardly betray the emotional turmoil beneath them

This new novel by Anita Brookner will probably delight her fans. Not only is its prose as impeccable and handbox-crisp as ever, but its themes of unrequited love and discreet melancholia are those Brookner has made quintessentially her own. The very landscape evokes that of *Hôtel du Lac*, her Brookner winner, with its sleepy spa on the Franco-Swiss border, its "combination of dull weather and grave silence, the thin white mist that so often descends without warning and seems to lay delicate fingers on the skin of one's face".

Staying in Vil, well wrapped up against its chilly dusk, is the novel's hero, solicitor Alan Sherwood, who one evening leaves "the subdued comfort of the English Tea Rooms" to buy a newspaper at the little station, and imagines he sees there the figure of a woman he has loved hopelessly for years. The rest of the novel works to suggest why Sarah Miller, with her Pre-Raphaelite mane and her icy blue eyes, a rather commonplace flame-haired temptress, should be able to

create such havoc in the lives of those around her.

Anita Brookner's classic territory, the comfortable well-furnished London flats of well-behaved, well-meaning, well-off, bourgeois people who are cosmopolitan though emotionally reserved, is peopled in this new novel with instantly recognisable characters.

The awful Angels, who ends up marrying Alan, is summed up and dispatched by her prim blouse and pie-crust collar. Polish Jenny has "broken feet" which suggest to Alan's family that her survival methods abroad have been less than scrupulously genteel. Sarah's flatmate, Bertha, has carelessly-tossed hair and "the near-cockney accent of the upper-class English girl". There are two splendid aunts who live in the country, one or two adulterous solicitors, a sharply observed bachelor connoisseur called Aubrey.

Anita Brookner's novels remind me of the work of Jean Rhys, with its repeated insistence of the power

**ALTERED STATES**  
By Anita Brookner  
*Cape, £14.99*  
*ISBN 0 224 04282 3*



Brookner sharply observed

associated with a particular type of femininity, making its effects all the more powerful because they are never explained, only recorded. Brookner's early novels of blighted female hopes dished out the blame fair and square, apportioning it between selfish men and equally selfish females, go-getting Ugly Sisters to the heroine's long-suffering Cinderella.

In her recent books, Brookner has allowed men, too, to have their tortured inner lives and with Alan Sherwood, writing helplessly on the rack, Sarah invites him to occupy, she has produced her most "feminine" hero yet. Kind and decent he may be, but Alan lacks savvy. Summoning Sarah to a night of passion at the Hotel George V in Paris, he forgets to phone ahead and book a room. Sarah doesn't show, and who can blame her? Alan spends the night tramping the rainy boulevards,

losing both the girl's and our sympathy.

This novel pretends to be a work of realism, but its structures are closer to fairy-tale. Like D. H. Lawrence, Brookner is writing about sex in order to express an elegiac lament for the loss of a nicer, earlier world, in which women supposedly did not hunt the pleasures of orgasm and money as ruthlessly as men, a world in which married women (middle-class ones, anyway) did not earn money at all and the NHS kept you in hospital as long as necessary.

Brookner is a fierce moralist, caricaturing her hates and putting her loves into thoughtful perspective. The novel works best when she is not explaining too much in order to drive her points home, which indicates a curious lack of self-confidence in such an experienced writer.

Alan, recounting his glum tale of loss and deceit and betrayal, is as fond of summing up as judge, as eloquent in his own defence as he is long-winded for the prosecution. After recounting a scene in which action is presented dramatically through dialogue, he has an irritating tendency to point out what he feels has just happened, thus preventing our attempts to invent our own interpretation.

**H**e spends several pages explaining his views of Angela's psychological make-up, just in case we have drawn a different conclusion. He goes over and over his obsession with Sarah. This is not necessary in a novel as rich in descriptive detail, mood and idiom as this one. The effect is to make Alan less credible as a male character. A novel must create the illusion that its characters are real, at least if it is not a self-declared Post-Modern set of voices. Alan, alone and palely loitering, seems increasingly to express purely feminine pain and despair.

## Conscience caught

**Christopher Hitchens**

**LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR**  
A Story of War  
By Peter Maass  
*Papermac, £10*  
*ISBN 333 669 837*

I can remember when I first heard the tale. I was in Sarajevo at the time. A man from a Balkan "prison camp" — so called even though it had been set up by no government and was obliged to no recognised authority nor convention — claimed that he had been forced to bite off another man's genitals.

Sarajevo in those days could expand your willingness to believe anything. But oh come on, I thought. Atrocity propaganda is cheap. You hear the same sorts of story every time: like those soldiers playing football with the heads of children. And then I met one second-hand witness, and then another. And then I thought, who would claim to have done such a thing, if he had not?

Peter Maass went a bit further. He interviewed the man who had said he'd actually seen it. He realised that the man had no special interest in convincing people of this. He made up his mind about the "incident" in that fashion. He inclined me to believe him.

To pass any time in this reporter's company is to be sure of him in this respect. He kept on finding things, and noticing things, that made him feel like the anonymous figure in Munch's painting of *The Scream*. And yet there is nothing dire or pornographic



Representative of the international community: a British soldier with the UN flag in the ghostly Sarajevo landscape, 1994

in his narrative. He tried his level best to cover the implosion of Yugoslavia according to the standards of what might be called *Washington Post* objectivity. And he found that this wouldn't quite serve. But, as far as might be possible, he

kept applying his basic training to the task in hand. The resulting tension makes for a strong book.

Mr Maass sipped full of other horrors — which I will spare you — during his tour of duty, but he came up against a

reportorial "conflict of interest" that was much more morally exhausting than the task of keeping score between the so-called warring factions. Like many people, he found it null and tedious to continue the standard feed about endlessly homicidal tribalism. He met many people who lived their lives without becoming Fascists or sadists, and he sets down their account with the same precision that he gives to the tales from the crypt. He became impelled to decide for himself whether all these "factions" were really equivalent. And he had to ask himself if the United States was conceivably a moral agent in what he

no longer saw as a quagmire. As far as was possible, I tried to read this book as if I could not guess the outcome of either dilemma. Should you desire to make up your mind, even at this rather advanced stage, you should choose to follow not Maass's account of external events but his diary of internal record-keeping. There is an active conscience at work, which is more than can be said for the ghost-like presence, in these pages, of what was once called "the international community".

Christopher Hitchens writes the *Fin de Siècle* column for *Vanity Fair*

## Poets that know well their trade

**Roy Foster**

**THE OXFORD COMPANION TO IRISH LITERATURE**  
Edited by Robert Welch,  
assistant editor  
Bruce Stewart  
*OUP, £25*  
*ISBN 0 19 286158 4*



Casement inspired Yeats

ly and at length, and the brief guides to further reading are admirably up-to-date. A strength of the *Companion* is its readiness to cross-reference: an entry on the *imram* (voyage-tale) of Maeil Duin ends with seductive connections to Tennyson, P. W. Joyce, A. P. Graves, Louis MacNeice and Paul Muldoon. The editor declares an intention to avoid jargon and he deserves heartfelt gratitude for succeeding.

THERE is much to relish between the lines — not least the pleasures of disagreement. It seems excessive to devote four columns on the erratic (and often inept) novelist Francis Stuart, whose unaccountable reputation seems more to do with longevity than anything else. There are inevitable lacunae — the novelist Pamela Hinkson's lesser work is mentioned, but not her rather better pseudonymous Great War fiction written as Peter Deane, recently highlighted by Hugh Cecil. And the editor

of any enterprise like this must be prepared to provoke a missing persons roster: my own would include the popular late-Victorian poet and editor Rose Kavanagh, her contemporary, the historical novelist Lily MacManus, the publisher Elizabeth Corbet Yeats, the nationalist politician and Imagist poet Desmond Fitzgerald, the short-story writer Margaret Barrington, the critics T. R. Henn and Edna Longley (included only as the wife of the poet Michael), the historian and crime-novelist Ruth Dudley Edwards, the poet and short-story-writer Mary Dorsey, the novelist Anne Enright, the cultural commentator Fintan O'Toole and a number of Irish publishers (Maunsell & Co are in, but not Tower Press or Lilliput).

So much here is done so well that any reviewer must hesitate to cavil. But the point of a work like this is absolute accuracy, and even a cursory reading shows a pattern of small mistakes. Proof-reading is not impeccable (is there a reason why Day-Lewis's name is in lower-case, while other writers are full capitals?). Several titles are wrongly cited.

But these are hardly substantive points. Reprints will be frequent, and with them the opportunity for updating: already there is more to include, such as Seamus Heaney's Nobel Prize, and the tragically early death of the charismatic poet Sean Dunne.

As this shows, the *Companion* does more than plug a necessary gap in the unevenly-needed shelf of Irish reference books. It records and celebrates an extraordinarily distinguished intellectual achievement. It demonstrates Ireland's wildly disproportionate contribution to drama, poetry and the whole enterprise of literary modernism. Above all, it shows that the business of writing not only sustains an intimate relationship with everyday life in Ireland, but produces an invisible export, tipping a decisive balance in the global cultural economy.

## Down from Olympus

**John Gribbin**

**EINSTEIN**  
A Life  
By Denis Brian  
*John Wiley, £18.99*  
*ISBN 0 471 11596 6*



Einstein with Mileva and their son, Hans Albert (1904)

man, who wrote an excellent biography of Einstein two decades ago. We only get the interest (and incomplete) mention of Einstein's great contributions to the development of quantum physics in the 1920s, but we get a detailed account of his travels to the United States and his meeting with Charlie Chaplin.

Less than halfway through the book, Einstein has reached the age of 50. All of his great work is behind him, and he has settled into a mundane

routine. He did only two interesting things after 1929. One was to write to President Roosevelt suggesting the need for research into atomic weapons, the other was to turn down the offer of the presidency of Israel.

**Y**et in Brian's account, the years 1929-35 occupy much more space than the years 1879-1929. Most of that space would have been better devoted to exploring Einstein's science. One wonders just what kind of reader the author has in mind when he explains, for example, that Winston Churchill was "an influential Conservative Member of Parliament". The obvious question to ask of the book, if it is still correct to do so in these days of BSE scares, is "where's the beef?" The answer is that you'll have to find that somewhere else, perhaps in Hoffman's *Albert Einstein* or the excellent scientific biography by Abraham Pais. *Subtle is the Lord*.

Dr John Gribbin is co-author (with Michael White) of *Einstein: A Life in Science*, published by Simon & Schuster

**NEW AUTHORS**  
PUBLISH YOUR WORK  
ALL SUBJECTS CONSIDERED  
Drama, Non-fiction, Biography,  
Poetry, Plays, Fiction  
AUTHORS WORLDWIDE INVITED  
WRITE OR SEND YOUR MANUSCRIPT TO  
**MINERVA PRESS**  
12 Old Brompton Road  
London SW7 3DD, England

**THE TIMES**  
**Crème**  
12-14 JUNE  
1996  
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SHOW

## FOR TODAY'S HIGHFLYERS

Where Senior Secretaries, Personal Assistants, Office Managers and Administrators can benefit from:

- ◆ Fasttrack Conference on secretaries and the computer revolution
- ◆ Career & Personal Development Seminars, run by The Industrial Society and sponsored by Lufthansa
- ◆ Hundreds of Exhibitors, covering:
  - ◆ Business Travel
  - ◆ Conferences and Meetings
  - ◆ Business Technology
  - ◆ Corporate Hospitality
  - ◆ Office Products and Services
  - ◆ Recruitment and Training
- ◆ Celebrity PA Interviews with the Personal Assistants to Chris Evans and the Editor of The Times
- ◆ Business Briefings, delivered by top exhibitors, with advice on a range of topics, including Business Travel and Training
- ◆ Executive Woman Ravens Fashion Shows, with the latest stylish designs

TICKETS IN ADVANCE OR ON THE DOOR

### OPENING HOURS

Wednesday 12 June 10am-5.30pm  
Thursday 13 June 10am-7.30pm  
Friday 14 June 10am-5.00pm

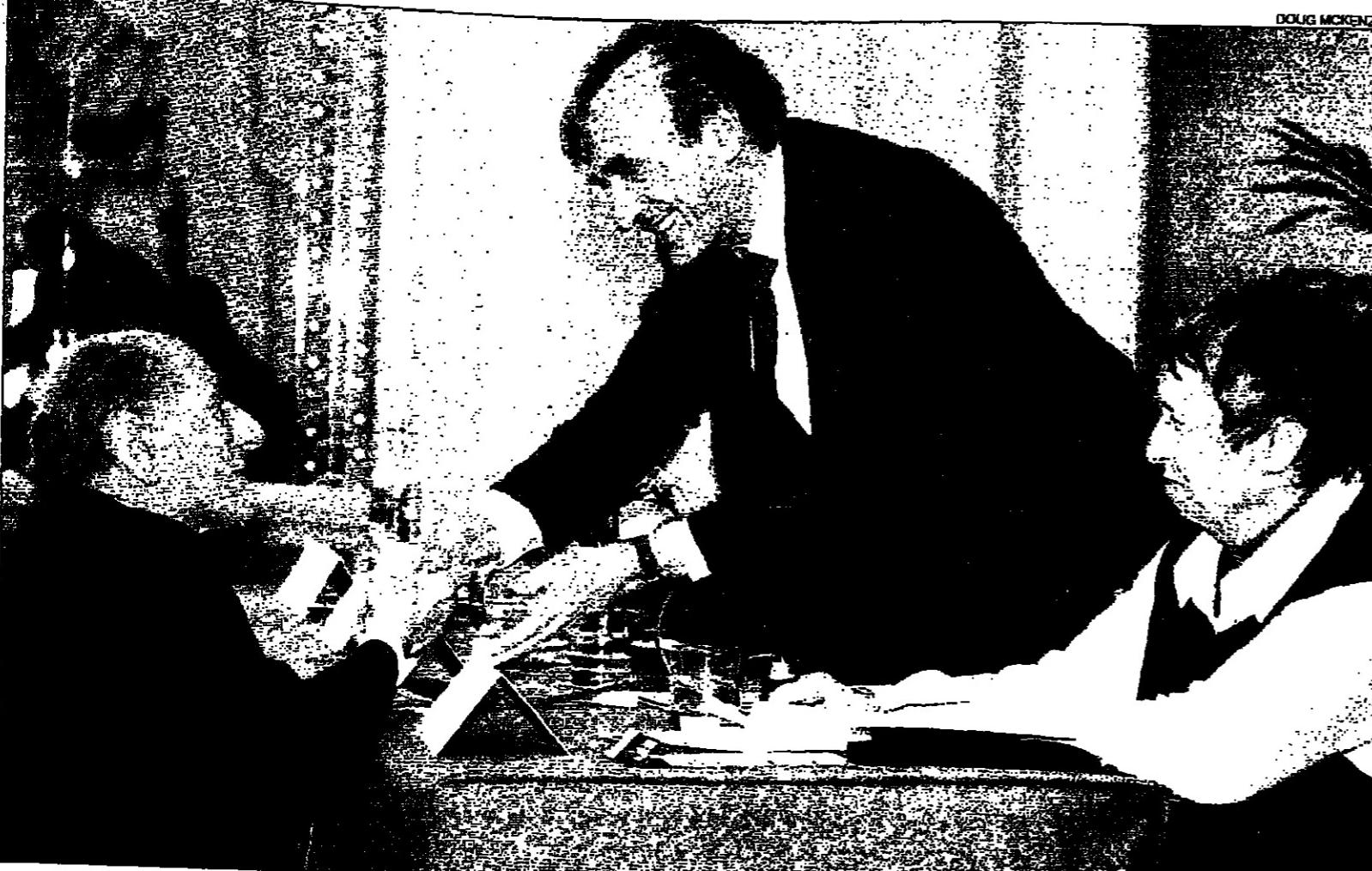
FOR CONFERENCE, SEMINAR AND REGISTRATION DETAILS.

TELEPHONE  
01923 244555

Conference and Seminar sessions should be pre-booked before 29th May. After this date, sessions will be available on a first come, first served basis on the day.

Companies wishing to exhibit should contact 0171-571 6605

**Rod Stewart**  
WITH THE SCOTTISH EDITION OF  
THE NEW SINGLE  
**PURPLE HEATHER**  
BY EVERY BODY ON THE DAY



May 1996: Elie Wiesel (centre) with Gitta Sereny and Leon Greenman (left), a fellow Holocaust survivor, at an address organised by Jewish Care

**W**hen Adolf Eichmann entered Hungary in the wake of the German army in March 1944, more than five million Jews had already been murdered. His aim was to destroy Hungarian Jewry before the Red Army entered Hungary. More than half a million Hungarian Jews, deported to Auschwitz at the most rapid rate imaginable, were murdered on arrival. Those who were deported with them, and survived, are eye-witnesses to a grotesque final act of the Holocaust.

Elie Wiesel is among those survivors. He has told part of this story before, but here he tells it as powerfully as ever, "and will tell it again", he writes, "hoping to find in it some hidden truth, some vague hope of salvation".

As the train taking the Jews from his home town of Sighet drew near to Auschwitz, his mother told him, as the possibility arose that the family might be separated there: "We'll meet again at home as soon as the war is over." Then, of his arrival at the notorious platform where Dr Mengele made his selections of who should live (for a while at least) and who should die, Elie Wiesel writes: "Nothing in the world could separate us. The entire German army could not take my little sister from me. Then a court order was issued — men on one side, women on the other — and that was that." His little sister, his older sisters, his grandmother and his mother were taken away. They were gone "before I could tell my mother goodbye, before I could kiss her hand and beg her forgiveness for the wrongs I must have done her".

Elie Wiesel's father survived with him, until Buchenwald, where he died. "It was the darkest day of my life, a day heavy with meaning. I was weak and sick myself. Though I ached to help him, I did not know how." There are few more poignant pieces of writing in what is now called Holocaust literature than the son's description of his father's death, a mere two pages which encapsulate an eternity of suffering. "Whenever I think of him," the son writes, "I relive his agony, and a knot forms in my chest. I feel myself

## The story that offers hope of salvation

Martin Gilbert is inspired by the journey of a man who brings Jewish history to life

becoming an orphan. Yes, you can be orphaned more than once, no matter how old you are. And every time is the first time."

The power of this book is all the greater because it describes, not only the destruction of Jewish lives but the life that was destroyed — the pre-war life of sub-Carpathian Jewry. Elie Wiesel also tells of his own life after the war, of his journalism days, his early writings, and his return to Sighet. One of his most important postwar journeys was to the Soviet Union at a time when Soviet Jews were isolated and afraid, unable to leave and unable to live as Jews. From the moment of that visit, Elie Wiesel became the champion of the Jews trapped in the Soviet Union, and he remained their champion until, less than a decade ago, the gates were opened.

ALL RIVERS RUN TO THE SEA  
Memoirs, Volume I, 1928-69  
By Elie Wiesel  
HarperCollins, £29  
ISBN 0 00 255673 1

I remember in 1985 being approached in Moscow by the wife of a Jew who was in deep trouble with the Soviet authorities. She had travelled overnight from the Urals, at some risk to herself, and at considerable risk to her husband. She had one request: ask Elie Wiesel to write something about my husband. The couple were convinced that publicity alone could open the gates of their prison, and that Elie Wiesel was the pen that could be the most effective.

As soon as I was able to transmit this message, Elie Wiesel put pen to paper, and did so in the most widely circulated of all American newspapers. Several years later, when this couple were in London, they said that even their taskmasters had learnt of that article and, for all their anger at it, had treated them less harshly after that.

Sir Martin Gilbert's book, *The Holocaust: The Jewish Tragedy*, is published in paperback by Fontana Press

There are many vignettes in this book, for all the great Jewish story tellers whom Elie Wiesel loves, including the religious sages, he has a gift of narrative. At the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem, he looked at the very "ordinary man" in the glass cage, and thought that he remembered him. "I knew that he had been in Sighet to supervise the deportation, and I wondered whether he was the man I had seen at the station, visibly saddened because there were no more convoys to send out of this town now emptied of Jews."

Elie Wiesel was back in Jerusalem seven years later when the divided city was caught up in the Six Day War, and the barriers came down. "Do you know how we managed to defeat the enemy? Six million Jewish souls prayed for us," an old man next to him murmured, almost to himself.

In the diary that he wrote (in Yiddish) during the Six Day War, Elie Wiesel recalled his days at a religious school in the Carpathians — how "my friends and I would let our imagination soar and allow it to lead us through secret tunnels buried in the Carpathians, to the land of Israel. It would be enough to pronounce a 'Name' and invisible gates would open before us. And then, at once, persecution, hatred and fear would end. Master of the Universe, we asked, please send us an emissary to reveal this holy, all-powerful 'Name' to us. But, sadly, no emissary ever appeared to enlighten us."

There are parts of this book that read like a novel by Isaac Bashevis Singer (who wrote for the same New York Yiddish paper for which Wiesel wrote, and learnt his writer's trade). Other parts are almost mystical; yet others are intensely personal. Through one man's journey, a wide swath of recent Jewish history comes movingly to life, and even with all its horrors, it is an uplifting tale.

Cold Snap is followed by *Superman, My Son*, in which an aging businessman named Wilhelm Blaine visits his manic-depressive adopted son Walter. Although in the third person, this story, too, is largely structured around its digressions — about Wilhelm's recent involvement in a robbery, about talking parrots, about Walter's manic escapades.

## Sleep's alchemy

Elaine Feinstein

THE DREAM MISTRESS  
By Jenny Diski  
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £15.99  
ISBN 0 297 81709 4

face to trouble her. Her sharpest childhood memory is of Leah, once deserted by Mimi's father for another woman, recognising him in Charing Cross and pursuing him with a knife kept for the purpose in her handbag. Mimi's father escapes essentially, the woman in Mimi's story, and also in those she invents, do not.

So it is we enter the consciousness of the injured woman, or rather the inner world. Mimi fantasises for her. Sometimes she is a bomb blast victim, disfigured and reclusive but loved, waiting every evening for the man who looks after her to return. Sometimes she is Leah. And for a time she is a figure given miraculous power to restore life to a dead child. None of these imagined women can, or even wants, to relate in-

mately to anyone; yet like Mimi herself this does not protect them from the fear of abandonment.

Mimi has learnt the ironic shrug of those who avoid pain by replacing the desperation of emotional need with sex as a kind of wild greed. She despises the man she lives with, partly because he can't work unless there is someone in the same room; yet her detachment is equally pathological.

She has begun to fall asleep, publicly, as a way of ensuring that "reality ... would recede like a star expanding away from the centre of the universe". At length, the logic of that retreat leaves her preferring to stay in bed altogether. Being with other people might have pleasurable moments, she concludes, but her own dreams and the escape of sleep is a more reliable source of comfort. The derelict Bella, waking from her hospital bed of pain without memory of her own past is given a rather similar reflection: "Unconsciousness, at the moment, seemed a better bet." Only the quirky talent of Jenny Diski could make so bleak a vision engaging and even amusing.

## In the deep freeze

THOM JONES'S new collection of stories recalls the *sestina form*. Jones's prose is almost anti-poetic in its briskness, but much of the book is linked by keywords. Africa, AIDS, manic depression, doctors, diabetes, lithium, malaria, Stelazine — these components rearrange themselves with impressive variety in the first six pieces, lending thematic coherence and wit to this odd collection.

In the title story, *Cold Snap*, a manic-depressive doctor named Richard has recently returned from a stint in Africa, dismissed on account of his mania. He is better off, however, than his institutionalised younger sister Susan, whose self-inflicted lobotomy has left her child-like and affectless. Not much happens — Richard takes his sister to the zoo and spends a sleepless night with her at home — and his high-pitched, digressive recounting is itself the point.

*Cold Snap* is followed by *Superman, My Son*, in which an aging businessman named Wilhelm Blaine visits his manic-depressive adopted son Walter. Although in the third person, this story, too, is largely structured around its digressions — about Wilhelm's recent involvement in a robbery, about talking parrots, about Walter's manic escapades.

*Me*, which chronicles a suicide, wavers also: its protagonist, a victim of muscular dystrophy ("She wasn't Stephen Hawking yet, or like that guy with the left foot, Christy Brown, but close"), has so little definition she is almost transparent, imaginable only for her wheelchair and her hoarded cache of pills.

The last two stories in the book, *Pot Shack* and *Dynamite Hands*, return to terrain familiar from Jones's first collection — the Vietnam War and boxing. The flow with an assurance that the other stories, in their breathlessness, lack; but they also feel like leftovers from an earlier stage in Jones's development.

*The Pugilist At Rest* was a remarkable book, in which the flaws seemed only to contribute to the stories' overall power. *Cold Snap* is less effective: its stories, like their characters, often ramble manically, without ever grasping the secret core of madness. This said, Jones circles greedily around that core, approaching it as few dare to: this is an enterprise worthy of attention.



Thom Jones: stories that circle the secret core of madness

Claire Messud

COLD SNAP  
By Thom Jones  
Faber, £8.99  
ISBN 0 571 17789 1

Way Down Deep in the Jungle and Quicksand, both set in Africa, are more tightly formed. The former, about a drunken New Zealander named Dr Koestler and his pet baboon George Babbitt, recalls Somerset Maugham or Graham Greene: it captures the intensity and aimlessness of life in the bush. The latter is a sort of love story, about romance blossoming under the influence of malaria, a stone's throw from Rwanda's atrocities.

THESE, along with *Ooh Baby Baby*, the portrait of a diabetic plastic surgeon, are the strongest in the collection. Jones's attempt to give voice to an Aboriginal surfer-girl from Alice Springs, in *Rocketred*, is downright unsuccessful; the other story about a woman, *I Need a Man to Love*

## Untold tales

Andrew Lycett

WILD BILL AND INTREPID  
Donovan, Stephenson and the Origin of CIA  
By Thomas F. Troy  
Yale, £19.95  
ISBN 0 300 06563 9

might be released under the recent open government initiative, turns out to be a red herring: an intriguing but ultimately self-serving memoir commissioned at the end of the war by BSC's brilliant chief, the Canadian millionaire, Sir William Stephenson, now enshrined in legend as "Intrepid".

The author found himself crushed between two powerful myth-making machines. Officially founded in 1947, the CIA liked to trace its origins to mid-1940 when President Roosevelt plucked the dynamic war hero, Colonel "Wild Bill" Donovan from his job as a lawyer and, after sending him to London on a "fact-finding mission", appointed him Coordinator of Information (COI), the forerunner of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and, later, the CIA.

Troy was a junior analyst when an alternative British version appeared in *The Quiet Canadian*, a 1963 book by former BSC member Montgomery Hyde. This suggested that the eponymous Stephenson, ace fighter pilot turned successful international businessman, had been appointed United States personal representative of both Winston Churchill and British intelligence, with the express task of promoting Donovan to Roosevelt as head of American dirty tricks — no mean task since "Wild Bill" was a staunch Republican and FDR a Democrat.

Finding no useful corroborative CIA material, Troy travelled to Bermuda, where Stephenson was living in comfortable retirement. "Intrepid" introduced him to C. H. (Dick) Ellis, his former BSC deputy,



Practitioners of the secret arts: Donovan (left) and Stephenson with the logo of CIA

whose first draft of Hyde's book he, as project instigator, had discarded as too dry.

Because Ellis was under investigation as a suspected Soviet agent, Troy was warned off further collaboration by the CIA's fiercely anti-Communist counter-intelligence chief, James Angleton. Undeterred, Stephenson set to work with William Stevenson, a fellow Canadian, on *The Man Called Intrepid*, an even more favourable interpretation of his war-time role — one so fanciful, in fact, that it diminished his status as a skilled practitioner of the secret arts.

Troy shows that moves to unify American intelligence were well advanced by 1941. Donovan's case was promoted by Frank Knox, who was

appointed Secretary of the Navy in June 1940, as the United States began to react to developments in Europe.

Many British elements, including the Ambassador Lord Lothian, worked to bolster mutual co-operation during this difficult period. Donovan welcomed opportunities to observe an integrated operational intelligence service in Britain, but was never, as "Intrepid" later suggested, an old friend of Stephenson, still less a British agent recruited in 1916.

On the other hand, Troy underestimates the determination of the wily Britshers (his word) to get Washington on their side. That meant

signing up prominent journalists as paid agents, as well as infiltrating the docks to ensure the safety of British supplies. By 1943 BSC's task was virtually over and, as Troy reports, that was when Stephenson first began embellishing his reputation. Quite why such a distinguished man felt this need surely requires a new biography. One personal hunch: it is no coincidence that Hyde's book appeared in 1963, the year Philby defected to Moscow, when British intelligence needed authentic champions to throw in the face of people like Angleton.

Andrew Lycett is the author of *Intrepid*, published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson

## THE TIMES CROSSWORDS

Now! No handling charges and FREE postage to all our EC customers Rest of the World add £1 per item Sterling or US\$ only (£1-US\$1.50)

BOOKS at £5.99 (Penguin)

The Times Concise Crosswords - Book 2

BOOKS at £3.99 (Penguin)

The Times Concise Crosswords - Books 6,10,11,12,13

The Sunday Times Crosswords - Book 9

BOOKS at £3.50

The Times Concise Crosswords - Books 14,15,16,17,18,19

The Times Concise Crosswords - Books 3,4,5,6

The Sunday Times Crosswords - Books 11,12

The Sunday Times Concise Crosswords - Books 1,2,3

BOOKS at £2.99

The Times Two Crosswords - Books 3,4

The Sunday Times Concise Crosswords - Book 5

SPECIAL OFFER

Any 3 Crossword Books listed above at £3.99 or £3.50 - just £9

The Times Quiz Book 1996 £4.50

with more than 2000 entertaining questions

The Times Computer Crosswords

by David Akenhead

For IBM PCs (MS-DOS) and Acorn RISC OS range including HELP levels and TEAM OPTION on 3.5" diskette

(Circa 60 crosswords per book/title)

The Times Crosswords - Books 1 to 11 & 14 to 19

The Times Two Crosswords - Books 1,2,3,4

The Sunday Times Crosswords - Books 1 to 13

The Sunday Times Concise Crosswords - Books 1 to 5

The Sunday Times Mephisto Crosswords

The Times Jubilee Puzzles 1932-1987

Now REDUCED to just £9.99 per title inc. VAT

We also offer a wide range of other publications and a fast, efficient service.

Please send SAE for details

Please send cheques or postal orders (no credit cards) payable to

Akoma Ltd, 51 Manor Lane, London SE13 5QW

Enquiries: 0181 852 4575 (24 hours)

Delivery up to 8 days (UK)

SIR'S LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR

RE: THE TIMES

A READING LIST

## GOLF

# Beames aims low in attempt to reach the heights

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

ONCE the early morning rain that dogged the opening matches in the first round of the Amateur Championship at Turnberry had been blown away by a sturdy southwesterly that was gusting at up to 40mph, a buzz quickly spread among competitors and spectators alike. "This is the weather for Beames," went the word. "He hits the ball lower than anyone."

Beames, who is 21 and reached the semi-finals of the Amateur last year, was born in Kilmuirie, Ayrshire, before moving to Wick at the age of 13 and taking up golf. Wick, which is 17 miles from John O'Groats, is not known to be a hotbed of golf. Indeed, to some Scots, it is not known to be a hotbed of anything. "Wick is to Scotland what Tasmania is to Australia," a man who can be permitted such politically-incorrect statements on the grounds that he is Scottish, said at Turnberry. "No Scot has ever been to Wick just as no Australian has been to Tasmania. I know nothing about Wick except that it

might be as far north of here as London is south." Beames, it was said, hits the ball so low that spectators have to duck. He calculated that he travelled 14,000 miles playing amateur golf last year. "Everything is a 500-mile round trip for me," he said. In the 1995 Amateur he lost to Gordon Sherry, the eventual winner, a performance that put him into the Scotland team for the home internationals.

Before Beames teed-off against Michael Searle, whose home club, Lyme Regis, is about as far south in England as Beames is north in Scotland, Warren Bladon continued the form he had shown in jointly leading the qualifying competition.

"Warren always was an impressive hitter," Peter McEvoy, the England captain, said of his former team-mate in the Warwickshire team. "He is very powerful, even if he has not got the greatest patience."

It was midway through the homeward half that the power that Bladon generates from

within his 6ft 3in, 17-stone frame began to tell. He broke clear of the challenge of Steven Allan, the Australian whose two qualifying scores were 86 and 65, with a startling burst. Bladon went four, three, three, four from the 13th and that was enough to give him victory by 3 and 2.

If there was a prize for dedication, then Euan Little, 20, would win it hands down. He practises for six hours each day, in three two-hour sessions, sometimes hitting as many as 1,500 balls. He put in two hours yesterday morning before comfortably beating Derny Lucas — and then went out to carry Beames's bag.

If there was a prize for precocity, then another Scot, Fraser McLaughlin, would probably win that. At 17 he is the youngest competitor in the tournament and to hear him talk you would think he was 27 or 37. He was out in 36, one over par, and still only one over when he defeated Paul Nelson on the 15th.

Then Beames came into the view of the spectators gathered beneath the monument to the right of the 12th green. He was already five up and from the way he drove on the 13th it was clear that word of his low-hitting prowess had not been exaggerated. His drive bored through the wind and ended 30 yards past Searle's. His second never rose above knee-height.

Searle may not have meant his words for publication but they are accurate nonetheless. After he had ballooned his second to the 13th, and cursed himself, he said of Beames, perhaps prophetically: "I played like ... but he'll take some beating this week."

The second round will be a severe test for Beames this morning. He faces Jody Fanagan, the Ireland international and Walker Cup player.

Fanagan was one down after three holes against Jamie Little, but took the 13th, 14th and 15th on his way to victory.

If you are doing that better than anybody else, then you are being aggressive."

Paul Eales has won a place in the US Open after coming through the final qualifying competition in Tenafly, New Jersey, but Howard Clark has withdrawn, opting to spend time with his wife, who had blown all day, 18-hole matches were a bit of a lottery.

Results, page 44



Bryson, left, lines up a putt with his caddie en route to a 2 and 1 defeat by Orr

## Faldo laying plans for assault on major prize

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

WHILE most golfers only watched as the New York area was hit by more than three inches of rain, Nick Faldo was already looking ahead to next week and the US Open before preparing for the Buick Classic that starts at Westchester today.

Faldo visited the US Open venue, Oakland Hills, en route from his base in Florida and he was impressed with the course that nestles in the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan.

"I wanted to get a picture of what I should work on this week and I will spend plenty of time pitching the ball out of the heavy rough they have here at Westchester," Faldo said. "The rough at the Open course is five or six inches deep and this will be the perfect place to practise."

Faldo might even adopt the aggressive approach that was

## FEATURES

**CRICKET**  
First Cornhill Test match  
11.0, first day of five, 90 overs minimum  
**EDGBASTON:** England v India  
Britannia Assurance championship  
11.0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum  
**CHELMSFORD:** Essex v Lancashire  
**SOUTHAMPTON:** Hampshire v  
Dorset  
**LONDON:** Middlesex v Glamorgan  
**TRENT BRIDGE:** Nottinghamshire v  
Northamptonshire  
**TAUNTON:** Somerset v Warwickshire  
**HOVE:** Sussex v Durham  
**MIDDLEBROUGH:** Yorkshire v Surrey  
Second day of four, 104 overs minimum  
**LEICESTER:** Leicestershire v Kent  
University match  
11.30, first day of three  
**THE PARKS:** Oxford University v  
Worcester  
**BAIN HOGG TROPHY** (one day): Bristol  
Gloves v Gloucestershire, 104 overs minimum  
**MCC YOUNG CRICKETERS** v Sussex, North  
Amplor: Northamptonshire v Middlesex;  
Workshop College, Nottinghamshire v  
Yorkshire

**OTHER SPORT**

**EQUESTRIANISM:** Bramham three-day  
over (Bramham).  
**GOLF:** English Open (Forest of Arden);  
Britannia Assurance championship (Ormeskirk and West Lancs)  
**TELEVISION:** Beckenham Open (Beckenham  
Cricket Club).

**SPEEDWAY:** Premier League: Ipswich v  
Peterborough (7.30); Middlesbrough v  
Sheffield (7.30); Grimsby v Welling  
Hampton (7.45)

## CYCLING

## Final sprint secures stage for Cipollini

MARIO CIPOLLINI, of Italy, sealed his fourth victory on the Critérium du Dauphiné, in France, also saw a home stage-winner when Gille Bouvard unsurprised Mariano Rojas, of Spain, and Christian Henn, of Germany, in the final 100 metres, to win the 176km third stage from Mende.

Cipollini, who also won

sprint finishes on the fourth,

eighth and eleventh stages, hit

the front with 80 metres to go

and was in no danger of being

caught by his pursuing countryman, Giovanni Lombardi.

Pavel Tonkov, of Russia, re-

tained the overall leader's

pink jersey, however.

The peloton faces three

tough days before the final

stage in Milan on Sunday.

Today is a 62km time-trial,

followed by two testing moun-

tain stages tomorrow and

Saturday, which feature nine

difficult hill climbs.

ICL that's IT.

Information Technology-IT-enhances efficiency and boosts competitiveness!  
Call 0800 317711 • <http://www.icl.co.uk>

## RUGBY

## Bath want to talk with Eagles

JOHN HALL, the Bath director of rugby, is seeking talks with Sheffield Eagles rugby league club over their reported interest in Jon Sleighholme, the England international wing.

Hall said: "Jon will be

playing for Bath next season

and committed to an intense

programme of preparation.

There has been no approach

from Sheffield Eagles received

by this club and I hope to talk

to Gary Hetherington to es-

tablish the full facts of the

situation."

Eagles have made ap-

proaches to Sleighholme's

representatives to see if he

would like to play Super

League for the rest of the

summer season.

## Harvey soars

Gilding: Peter Harvey, of Britain, remained on the Open Class leaderboard on the third day of the European Championships in Rovaniemi, Finland, despite a nail-biting last 5km low and slow final glide on the class' \$30km polygon track. Alister Kay retained overall second in the 15 metres, with a sixth place over 475km on the third day.

## New World Cup

Rowing: A new annual international team competition, the World Cup, will start in 1997. World Cup regattas, for all 14 Olympic boat classes, will be staged at three-weekly intervals in Munich and Paris, with the finals in Lucerne. The full participation of a British team could be in doubt since the Lucerne finals fall one week after Henley Royal Regatta.

## Joyner out

Athletics: Florence Griffith Joyner, who set world records in winning the 100 metres and 200 metres gold medals at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, will not compete at the Atlanta Games due to tendinitis.

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

To make the most of the North-South assets on this hand you have to play the spades and diamonds in the right order.

Dealer South

Love all

Rubber bridge

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass&lt;/div



## Wood goes through as others fall by the wayside

By ALIX RAMSAY

THE British do not do well in the heat. Yesterday, as the ball-girls willed in the sun, the British players melted away at the Beckenham Open. On Tuesday, Britain had 21 players in the two main draws, by yesterday evening only six were still standing. Shirlie Ann Siddall, Jo Ward, Colin Beecher, Danny Sapson, Andrew Richardson, Andrew Foster and Nick Weal all limped away yesterday, leaving only Clare Wood and Tom Spinks to go through and join Tuesday's winners.

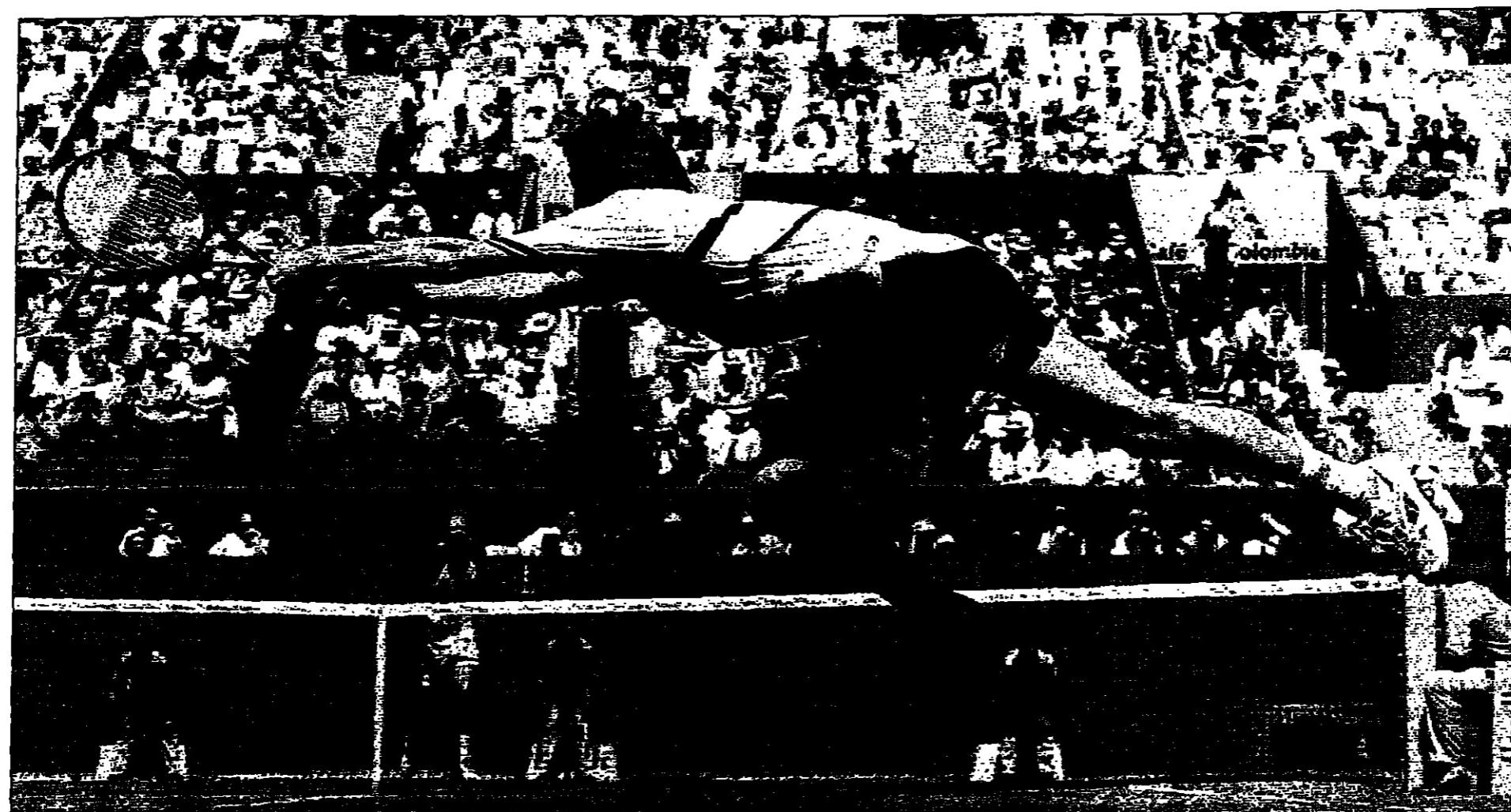
It is ten years since Wood last played Beckenham and, after losing in the first round then, she decided it was not the most promising way to start the grass-court season. Now, with another 18 months to two years left on the circuit, she has changed her mind.

Yesterday, she overcame Siobhan Drake-Brockman of Australia, and several line judges of limited vision to move into the quarter finals 5-7, 6-1, 6-4. It could have been a lot easier when she held set point on Drake-Brockman's service only to be scuppered by a dubious call. "Everyone around the court could see it was at least six inches out but it was called in," she said. "I should have won that 6-4; it was disappointing to lose the set."

Drake-Brockman seemed to imagine she was playing on clay, trying to slide to every wide ball only to find herself short of the target.

For Wood the two-hour workout was part of the preparation for the more important events, those worth computer points, in the coming weeks. After 18 months trying to get back to full fitness after a battle with a hamstring injury, she wants to break back into the top 100 before she calls it a day.

The only other success came through Spinks, from Norwich, who stands 6ft 5in but was still four inches shorter than Richardson, his opponent. Richardson was last year's joint winner after his final against Petr Korda was rained off. Yesterday he lost 6-4, 6-5.



Karbacher, of Germany, who lost his quarter-final after being two sets ahead, dives in an attempt to intercept a passing shot from Rosset, his Swiss opponent

## Subtle Stich eases past local favourite

FROM DAVID MILLER  
IN PARIS

final stage of a grand slam tournament.

MICHAEL STICH said afterwards it had been fun. The Parisian crowd did not quite see it that way. For much of the time, they were reduced to relative silence as the tall German halted the advance of Cedric Pioline, the local favourite born in the suburb of Neuilly-sur-Seine, at the quarter-final stage of the French Open championships.

Yesterday's defeat was made even less acceptable because Stich achieved it by subtlety, almost without urgency, cutting Pioline apart with the varied refinement of his shots, as he won 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

He thus joined that other renowned serve-and-volleyer, Pete Sampras, in the semi-finals, where tomorrow he will play Marc Rosset, the first Swiss player to reach the semi-

Both men are 27. Pioline is ranked 19th, Stich 16th, following a long absence with injury. Pioline's moment of glory in tennis had come when he reached the final of the US Open in 1993, losing to Sampras. His previous record in the French Open is relatively poor. Yesterday, there was seldom solid authority in his game. When there were cheers for some point, the note was more one of sympathy than momentary triumph.

It was not until the ninth game of the second set, when Pioline hit a withering forehand drive, that the crowd reverberated with the feeling that their man might turn the tide, might win through. Turn it he did, but for only one game — the long tenth of five deuces, in which he secured his mini-set point to level the match. In no time at all he was 30 down in the third set and slithering away.

Stich inadvertently swayed the crowd more against him, emotionally, when he justifiably queried some suspicious calls, which the umpire, upon inspection, gave in his favour. The crowd started applauding first-serve faults, and cheering his double faults, though of these there were few. Stich merely continued to produce his anaesthetising winners.

"I like every surface," Stich said, "especially clay, because you have to win the points by outplaying your opponent." He said his only motivation these days was playing for enjoyment, and not for the money, though he could not answer a question on whether he would have had the same relaxed attitude did he not have the cushion of substantial previous prize-money.

"I'm fresher than the others, after a break," he said, "but short of match practice. That long game at the end of the second set loosened me up. Marc [Rosset] will be very tough on Friday, he showed that by coming from two sets down today [against Bernd Karbacher]."

With the odd-game lead on service, Stich had moved steadily to 4-3 in the first set, then broke for 5-3 with the help of four consecutive errors by Pioline. Attempting to force

the pace, Stich made volleying errors to lose his own service, but broke Pioline again for the set, winning a long rally.

Pioline inflicted the fourth consecutive break of serve to lead 1-0 in the second set, dropped his own serve in the fourth game, but, assisted by Stich's lax volleys, broke for 3-2 and served for the set at 5-4.

Although his backswing and follow-through on his drives are elegant, Pioline contrives to look weary almost from the start of any match, with his slightly hunched shoulders shuffling gait and baggy shorts that make him look like a weekend veteran. Now, briefly, he found his touch and although Stich had game points for 5-5, Pioline's mood briefly lifted him. It proved to be a false dawn.

Rosset will not exactly have endeared himself to his compatriots by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

patriots by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-

petitors by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game com-



## EQUESTRIANISM

## Bramham tests appeal to King

By JENNY MACARTHUR

MARY KING and William Fox-Pitt, two of Great Britain's shortlisted riders for the Olympic Games, have dual aims at the Bramham International three-day event in Yorkshire, which begins today.

Both riders have been asked by the selectors to ride their Olympic contenders, Star Appeal and Cosmopolitan respectively, in order to prove their fitness for Atlanta. They will also be competing on their younger horses, King Solomon and Linlithgow Lord Charles.

The event has attracted a record 88-strong entry, largely due to the cancellation of Ireland's premier event, at Punchestown, last month. The British entry includes three more Olympic shortlisted riders: Ian Stark, on Forest Glen, Leslie Law, on Crusader, and Charlotte Bathie, on Welton Optimist. Andrew Nicholson, the New Zealander lying second in the world rankings, and Matt Ryan, of Australia, the Olympic champion, head the overseas entry.

King is hoping to extend her formidable record on King Solomon. The eight-year-old gelding has competed in only two three-day events. He was second at Le Lion d'Angers as a six-year-old, and won his second, at Compiègne, last year. "He's become a super all-round horse," King said.

King is also determined to show the selectors that Star Appeal's fall at the first fence at Badminton was an untypical aberration — on her part. "I was on a very bad stride and rather than doing anything about it, I just sat there," she said.

With Karen Dixon sidelined after cracking her shoulder-blade last weekend, and Kristina Gifford out of Olympic contention, the selectors are hoping for a change of luck. The going, at least, is on their side. Michael Tucker, the course designer and a selector, reports the ground as "excellent" after recent rain.

BRYANT'S EYE



**W**hen an American distance runner named Lewis Bennett turned up to run a series of races in Britain 135 years ago, the promoters had a great idea. They would make him run in fancy dress.

When he stepped off the liner to race against the best that the Old World could offer, they were not at all sure if he was champion material, but they had spent a lot of money bringing him over and needed big crowds to recoup their investment.

So they made sure that when he appeared on the track he did so wearing feathers in his hair (he was part Seneca Indian from New York state). They wrapped him in a wolfskin blanket and put moccasins on his feet. They announced that he spoke no English, that he had done all his running on the hunting field, and that his name was Deerfoot.

Despite some very mixed performances, and many charges of race-fixing, the tour was a sell-out success. His backers got their money back many times over.

The cunning Victorian promoters, almost a century ahead of their time, had stumbled on one of the great truths of modern spectator sport: that there is a world of difference between a champion and a star — and that one of the simplest ways to hype the image of a star is to dress him or her up in a costume that will amuse, amaze or appal the punters.

How those Victorians would have grinned in admiration at the sight of the little black dress sported by Mary Pierce at the French Open tennis tournament last week. Cut low, square and sexy, the Pierce frock, a short black number with white stripes, was produced by Nike not so much a tennis dress in which you might win, but as a leisure dress in which you are certain to star.



Dressed to thrill: Pierce flirts with high fashion at the French Open

Pierce got knocked out to the accompaniment of catcalls rather than the wolf-whistles that had greeted her. That will not have worried the Nike marketing team. Great dress, shame about the tennis. The truth is that Pierce has won only one major tournament — the Australian Open in 1995 — but she looks sexy and has a famously abusive father. In an age when sport is increasingly a branch of the entertainment industry, she is a great box-office material. She may not be a champion, but she is a star.

The division applies to men just as much as women, and is

often signalled by dress. Pete Sampras is a champion, but Andre Agassi, with his ever-changing outfits, is a star. Greg Norman is not half the golfer that Nick Faldo is, but Norman, in those hats, is the bigger draw everywhere outside Britain. Paul Gascoigne's achievements are slight compared, for instance, with Ryan Giggs — but who is the bigger football star?

In the days before sport became an industry, dressing for games was quite a simple matter. The Victorians, who spent a lot of time making up rules in the years after

Deerfoot, laid down strict dress codes. Sports clothing was functional and predominantly white; on the tennis court or cricket pitch anything else would have had you thrown out. If a Rip Van Winkle having dozed through the past quarter-century, to reappear in a modern sports clothing store, he would be amazed and dazzled by the ranges of cut and colour.

Tennis really fell to the peacock tendency soon after big money came into the game when Wimbledon became open to professionals in 1968, though ever since the 1920s

women had pushed at the boundaries of the dress code, with Suzanne Lenglen the first star to dare to cast off her corsets, wear skirts well above the ankle and sport a coloured bandeau in her hair.

In the years that followed there were plenty of delightful shocks on Centre Court, with the daring tennis knicker becoming an annual and popular feature ever since gorgeous Gussie Moran unleashed her frillies in the 1960s.

Crikey fell to coats of many colours in the late 1970s, when Kerry Packer's money horrified the traditionalists with floodlit night-time games, and athletics surrendered soon afterwards to an invasion of luridly coloured muscle-gripping lycra skinsuits that turned the likes of Florence Griffith Joyner into clothes-horses with spikes.

Sportswear, and its commercial spin-off, leisurewear,

'Buy the right outfit and you too can be a star'

are now Olympic-size industries. Athletic clothing is routinely worn to supermarkets, offices, airports — even churches — and provides a seemingly obligatory uniform for tourists. These days, people dress for the pub or the car-boot sale in outfits that you would once have seen only in an Olympic village.

The manufacturers clothe the stars in ever more startling outfits and the public queue to buy. You might not be able to play like your heroes, but if you can afford it, you can at least dress like them. As a result, every gym and track in the land is overrun by expensively kitted-out poseurs who are deluded into thinking that sport is not about ability honed by hard work but about looking the part. The message is simple and, commercially, golden: buy the right outfit — the Mary Pierce frock, the Andre Agassi cap — and you too can be a star.

They used to say, before sport became a part of the entertainment industry, that "it's not the winning that matters, it's the taking part." For too many people today, the message is that "it's not the winning that matters, it's the dressing up." That, as they say, is showbusiness.

JOHN BRYANT

their best form from the five nations' championship; four times they built a ten-point cushion, only to allow Waikato to claw their way back.

Rob Wainwright, the Scotland captain, was at a loss to explain how his side contrived to lose. "That was a game we should have tied up after 60 minutes. We have to take a lead from the All Blacks."

When Scotland clicked, however, they were mesmerising. Logan's try — set up by Townsend's subtlety — was an example: the stand-off half offered the ball three times before the wing timed his run beautifully to score.

Scotland's Wainwright, Monday, Walker, Warlow, Muir, Conversions, Cooper (4), Penalty goals, Scotland XV, Tries Townsend, Stark, Scotland, Logan, Conversions, Shepherd (3), Penalties, Shephard (3).

WAIKATO: B Rehane, J Waight, W Warlow, M Cooper, W Jennings, J Foster, R Doherty, C McLean, S Stewart, D Coleman, S Gordon (captain), T Herd, D Colman, D Monkley, D Mur, Jennings replaced by B Meiring (40min).

SCOTLAND: R Wainwright, R Jones, S Hazel, J Udovicic, S Sturtz, G Townsend, A Nicoll, D Hilton, K McLean, B Stewart, R Wainwright (captain), D War, D Conran (1st half), D McLean, D McLean, D Logue (20th); Cronin replaced by P Watson (40).

Referee: C Hawke

try by Nigel Davies. Thomas converted only for Eket to dart over from a scrum.

Thomas then produced a pinpoint kick that Evans collected in full flight to go over. Thomas's conversion cut the deficit to seven points. Wallace and Thomas swapping further penalties in a frantic finish. Wales now move on to Brisbane and the first international against Australia on Saturday.

In Wales's defence, Kevin Bowring, the coach, pointed out that the match with ACT was the first meaningful game many of the team had played since March.

SCOTLAND: South Wales, Tries: Bond, Ebert, Conversion: Wales, Penalty goals: Wales, 5; Wales, XV, 2.

Davies, Evans, Conversions: A Thomson (2).

NEW SOUTH WALES: Tries: Cooper, G Bond, J Matz, R Herdt, M Bois, P Wallace, A Ebert, A Heath, M Bois, A Blades, W O'Brien, C Williams, J Watson, S Tololo, T Gaven (captain).

WALES: C Cormack, I Evans, G Thomas, N Davies, D James, A Thomas, A Herdt, M Bois, P Wallace, A Blades, W O'Brien, C Williams, J Watson, S Tololo, T Gaven (captain), D Bayley, G Jones, S Williams, Jones replaced by K Jones (80min); D Lewis replaced by A Gethin (76th); A Lewis replaced by C Loader (78th); Referee: B Loos.

TRY BY NIGEL DAVIES. THOMAS CONVERTED ONLY FOR EKET TO DART OVER FROM A SCRUM.

THOMAS THEN PRODUCED A PINPOINT KICK THAT EVANS COLLECTED IN FULL FLIGHT TO GO OVER.

THOMAS'S CONVERSION CUT THE DEFICIT TO SEVEN POINTS.

WALLES NOW MOVE ON TO BRISBANE AND THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL AGAINST AUSTRALIA ON SATURDAY.

IN WALES'S DEFENCE, KEVIN BOWRING, THE COACH, POINTED OUT THAT THE MATCH WITH ACT WAS THE FIRST MEANINGFUL GAME MANY OF THE TEAM HAD PLAYED SINCE MARCH.

SCOTLAND: South Wales, Tries: Bond, Ebert, Conversion: Wales, Penalty goals: Wales, 5; Wales, XV, 2.

Davies, Evans, Conversions: A Thomson (2).

NEW SOUTH WALES: Tries: Cooper, G Bond, J Matz, R Herdt, M Bois, P Wallace, A Ebert, A Heath, M Bois, A Blades, W O'Brien, C Williams, J Watson, S Tololo, T Gaven (captain).

WALES: C Cormack, I Evans, G Thomas, N Davies, D James, A Thomas, A Herdt, M Bois, P Wallace, A Blades, W O'Brien, C Williams, J Watson, S Tololo, T Gaven (captain), D Bayley, G Jones, S Williams, Jones replaced by K Jones (80min); D Lewis replaced by A Gethin (76th); A Lewis replaced by C Loader (78th); Referee: B Loos.

TRY BY NIGEL DAVIES. THOMAS CONVERTED ONLY FOR EKET TO DART OVER FROM A SCRUM.

THOMAS THEN PRODUCED A PINPOINT KICK THAT EVANS COLLECTED IN FULL FLIGHT TO GO OVER.

THOMAS'S CONVERSION CUT THE DEFICIT TO SEVEN POINTS.

WALLES NOW MOVE ON TO BRISBANE AND THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL AGAINST AUSTRALIA ON SATURDAY.

IN WALES'S DEFENCE, KEVIN BOWRING, THE COACH, POINTED OUT THAT THE MATCH WITH ACT WAS THE FIRST MEANINGFUL GAME MANY OF THE TEAM HAD PLAYED SINCE MARCH.

## RUGBY UNION: BRITISH TOURING TEAMS ARE BEATEN AGAIN

## Improved Scots fail to impose authority

FROM MARK SOUTER  
IN HAMILTON

SCOTLAND depart for Invercargill this morning, rueing their second defeat in three games on an increasingly demanding tour of New Zealand; they know that, once again, they have only themselves to blame.

In many ways this was an infinitely improved performance by a Scottish side that scored four tries and created numerous opportunities, but their inability to close down games came back to haunt them as Waikato — who took their chances clinically — scored the winning try in the final minute. Unless Scotland quickly develop a more ruthless streak, the next fortnight, which includes the two internationals against New Zealand, will prove demoralising.

Four times against Waikato, the Scots rediscovered some of

## Welsh restore pride despite second defeat

New South Wales ..... 27

Wales XV ..... 20

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WALES produced a much-improved performance to run New South Wales close at the Sydney Football Stadium yesterday. After their collapse against Australian Capital Territory in their previous game on Sunday, the Welsh produced a gutsy performance that went some way to restoring pride in the tour party.

They matched the home side

try for try, but the boot of Tim Wallace, the stand-off, took NSW to a hard-fought victory.

The home side made the perfect start with Bond dashing over in the corner after nine minutes. Wales's only score in the first half came from an Arwel Thomas penalty goal. Wallace finding the target three times at the other end. He took NSW into a 17-3 lead early in the second half before Wales hauled themselves back with a stunning

try by Nigel Davies. Thomas converted only for Eket to dart over from a scrum.

Thomas then produced a pinpoint kick that Evans collected in full flight to go over. Thomas's conversion cut the deficit to seven points. Wallace and Thomas swapping further penalties in a frantic finish. Wales now move on to Brisbane and the first international against Australia on Saturday.

In Wales's defence, Kevin Bowring, the coach, pointed out that the match with ACT was the first meaningful game many of the team had played since March.

SCOTLAND: South Wales, Tries:

Bond, Ebert, Conversion: Wales, Penalty goals: Wales, 5; Wales, XV, 2.

Davies, Evans, Conversions: A Thomson (2).

NEW SOUTH WALES: Tries: Cooper, G Bond, J Matz, R Herdt, M Bois, P Wallace, A Ebert, A Heath, M Bois, A Blades, W O'Brien, C Williams, J Watson, S Tololo, T Gaven (captain).

WALES: C Cormack, I Evans, G Thomas, N Davies, D James, A Thomas, A Herdt, M Bois, P Wallace, A Blades, W O'Brien, C Williams, J Watson, S Tololo, T Gaven (captain), D Bayley, G Jones, S Williams, Jones replaced by K Jones (80min); D Lewis replaced by A Gethin (76th); A Lewis replaced by C Loader (78th); Referee: B Loos.

TRY BY NIGEL DAVIES. THOMAS CONVERTED ONLY FOR EKET TO DART OVER FROM A SCRUM.

THOMAS THEN PRODUCED A PINPOINT KICK THAT EVANS COLLECTED IN FULL FLIGHT TO GO OVER.

THOMAS'S CONVERSION CUT THE DEFICIT TO SEVEN POINTS.

WALLES NOW MOVE ON TO BRISBANE AND THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL AGAINST AUSTRALIA ON SATURDAY.

IN WALES'S DEFENCE, KEVIN BOWRING, THE COACH, POINTED OUT THAT THE MATCH WITH ACT WAS THE FIRST MEANINGFUL GAME MANY OF THE TEAM HAD PLAYED SINCE MARCH.

SCOTLAND: South Wales, Tries:

Bond, Ebert, Conversion: Wales, Penalty goals: Wales, 5; Wales, XV, 2.

Davies, Evans, Conversions: A Thomson (2).

NEW SOUTH WALES: Tries: Cooper, G Bond, J Matz, R Herdt, M Bois, P Wallace, A Ebert, A Heath, M Bois, A Blades, W O'Brien, C Williams, J Watson, S Tololo, T Gaven (captain).

WALES: C Cormack, I Evans, G Thomas, N Davies, D James, A Thomas, A Herdt, M Bois, P Wallace, A Blades, W O'Brien, C Williams, J Watson, S Tololo, T Gaven (captain), D Bayley, G Jones, S Williams, Jones replaced by K Jones (80min); D Lewis replaced by A Gethin (76th); A Lewis replaced by C Loader (78th); Referee: B Loos.

TRY BY NIGEL DAVIES. THOMAS CONVERTED ONLY FOR EKET TO DART OVER FROM A SCRUM.

THOMAS THEN PRODUCED A PINPOINT KICK THAT EVANS COLLECTED IN FULL FLIGHT TO GO OVER.

THOMAS'S CONVERSION CUT THE DEFICIT TO SEVEN POINTS.

WALLES NOW MOVE ON TO BRISBANE AND THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL AGAINST AUSTRALIA ON SATURDAY.

IN WALES'S DEFENCE, KEVIN BOWRING, THE COACH, POINTED OUT THAT THE MATCH WITH ACT WAS THE FIRST MEANINGFUL GAME MANY OF THE TEAM HAD PLAYED SINCE MARCH.

SCOTLAND: South Wales, Tries:

Bond, Ebert, Conversion: Wales, Penalty goals: Wales, 5; Wales, XV, 2.

Davies, Evans, Conversions: A Thomson (2).

NEW SOUTH WALES: Tries: Cooper, G Bond, J Matz, R Herdt, M Bois, P Wallace, A Ebert, A Heath, M Bois, A Blades, W O'Brien, C Williams, J Watson, S Tololo, T Gaven (captain).

WALES: C Cormack, I Evans, G Thomas, N Davies, D James, A Thomas, A Herdt, M Bois, P Wallace, A Blades, W O'Brien, C Williams, J Watson, S Tololo, T Gaven (captain), D Bayley, G Jones, S Williams, Jones replaced by K Jones (80min); D Lewis replaced by A Gethin (76th); A Lewis replaced by C Loader (78th); Referee: B Loos.

TRY BY NIGEL DAVIES. THOMAS CONVERTED ONLY FOR EKET TO DART OVER FROM A SCRUM.

THOMAS THEN PRODUCED A PINPOINT KICK THAT

# Raising an obelisk but lowering the tone

**R**emember Roger Hopkins? No? I'll remind you. Roger Hopkins is the American stonemason who, in last week's *Secret of Lost Empires* (BBC2), had the granite-faced gall, the flint-axed effrontry to come over here and tell us how to build Stonehenge.

Tact is not exactly this man's middle name. As he stalked about the reconstruction site muttering "remind me to get you the Boy Scout manual" or "hope you've built a decent A-frame", you just longed for his Wiltshire hosts to cast aside 3,500 years of good breeding and reply: "Yeah and you can just kiss my heistone."

Last night he was back, unscheduled and wisely unannounced. The series had moved on to Egypt but Hopkins was there, still eager to show that when it came to erecting giant obelisks... well, who do you think wrote the Boy Scout manual? King Tut?

This, however, was nemesis time. At the end of a wickedly enjoyable 50 minutes we had learned one thing about construction in ancient Egypt — erecting obelisks must have been a very bad-tempered business. If Hopkins turned out to be the reincarnation of a slave-driving pyramid foreman... I wouldn't be at all surprised. "Cheops, schmeops, it was me that got the thing built."

Obelisks — praise be to Ra — turned out to be quite another matter. Yet it had all started out so promisingly, with Hopkins and his conscripted chain gang bounding stone balls onto granite slabs to show how the ancient Egyptians might have carved 400-tonne obelisks from the surrounding rocks. His rate of progress suggested that the ancient Egyptians would have been positively post-modern by the time they had finished. "Don't you think..." began one of his American colleagues. "Now, these guys



Matthew Bond

know where they are going." Those inter-personal skills were coming on a treat.

He was even ruder when it came to the way obelisks were loaded onto barges. A pleasant female academic advanced a carefully researched theory that the barges could have been earthed up during loading. Hopkins' lips curled to their practised position: "Do they ever load a boat in dry dock? Never. I rest my case." Through gritted teeth, she just about managed a smile: "Well, Roger, we'll just have to see what your method is." Roger's method sank.

**T**hat rather marked a turning point for poor old Rog. Not only had the ancient world turned against him, but so had his fellow academics. Someone called Martin chose to meet fire with fire. If there was one thing he despised more than the modern Egyptian workers messing up his obelisk

mannered Mark, he of the Indiana Jones tiff, couldn't resist hitting a man when his obelisk was down: "This might be a bad time to ask, Roger, but..." It was.

In the end nobody managed to get even a 40-tonne obelisk upright. Ali, the local expert, failed, despite his huge band of cheering, clapping helpers. Roger tailed, because his A-frame (beautifully constructed, of course) left the pulling ropes too high. Only Martin, the king of the turning groove, could claim any sort of success, but only with a baby obelisk of barely two tonnes. "Bah," said our man: "I put up stones that size myself." Next week ancient Rome my money's on Roger it is.

Comparing levels of misery is a futile game, but in television terms perhaps the strongest story counterbalanced a couple from Harlepool. Liz earned £80 a week. Jimmy had arthritis and couldn't get work, their teenage son was mentally handicapped and — worst of all — they were addicted to credit. When

Liz got a new and better-paid job, the first thing they did was buy a new washing machine.

Soon after, inevitably, she was made redundant. A sympathetic adviser estimated their total debts at £17,000. Bankruptcy, he said, was always a last resort: "But in this case, it has to be an option." Unfortunately, he would not be around to find out — the advice centre was closed because of a rather larger financial crisis elsewhere.

To lift our spirits and to replace the hole left by ER, Channel 4 then gave us *American Gothic*. At some point, someone will decide that we have had enough "weird stuff", but not yet awhile. Twanging slide guitar, evil abroad in Smalltown, USA — we've been here before, several times. It is well-made but I think it could be a while before "someone's at the door" replaces "damn fine cherry pie" in the national consciousness.

## REVIEW

Matthew Bond

techniques, it was Roger Hopkins. Martin's favourite words were "ridiculous" and "crazy", both of which he applied to Hopkins's pat-pending sandpit method of erection. To say Hopkins bridled is to underestimate a truly sublime television moment. "Ridiculous?" I assume there was then an exchange of blows off-camera which Martin won. "Sorry Roger, nothing personal." Even the mild-

1.00pm One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (55148)

1.30 Regional News and Weather (3912123)

1.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (35122780)

1.55 Cricket — First Test: England v India

From Edgbaston (77981273)

2.00pm One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (55148)

2.30 Regional News and Weather (3912123)

2.45 Neighbours (Ceefax) (35122780)

3.00 Cricket — First Test: England v India

From Edgbaston (77981273)

3.30 Regional News and Weather (3912123)

3.45 News (Ceefax) (3879225)

3.55 Cricket — First Test: England v India

From Edgbaston (77981273)

4.00 News (Ceefax) (3879225)

4.10 The Wizard of Oz (Ceefax) (77981273)

4.35 Mud (Ceefax) (5309651)

4.45 Newsworld (2309411)

5.10 The Biscuit (Ceefax) (1289506)

5.35 Neighbours (861254)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) (341)

6.30 Regional news magazines (683)

7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (6167)

7.30 EastEnders: It's Tony's birthday and there's a surprise in store for Ted at the party (Ceefax) (877)

8.00 Animal Hospital: On the Hoof. Roil Harris and the team visit Whipsnade Wild Animal Park (Ceefax) (5815)

8.30 Airport: (6/8) Photographer Dennis Stone waits for Michael Jackson. The Royal Suite is being prepared for the Sultan of Brunei. Cabin crew trainees find out whether they have passed muster, and as Jean-Marie discovers, everybody seems to have lost something (Ceefax) (4322)

9.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (5032)

9.30 One Foot in the Grave. Margaret tries to get her husband to cope with early retirement by getting him a book called *Coping With Old Age* (Ceefax) (536933)

10.00 QED: You Only Live Once (Ceefax) (648151) NLL: 10.00 Spoolight 10.00 DED: 11.00 Question Times 12.00 Cricket — First Test: England v India (2486549) 12.45am Film: Hawks (490197) 2.25 Weather (1979007)

11.30 Cricket — First Test: England v India Highlights from Edgbaston (209439)

12.10 FILM: Hawks (1988) with Timothy Dalton, Anthony Edwards, Janet McTeer, Camille Coduri, Julie T. Wallace and Connie Booth. Two terminally ill men hijack an ambulance and take off for one last adventure: a trip to the brothels of Amsterdam. Directed by Robert Ellis Miller (Ceefax) (s) (137939)

1.55 Weather (1078007)



Milosevic and Holbrooke (9.30pm)

9.30 Death of Yugoslavia: Pax Americana (388631)

10.20 From Dusk Till Dawn. Robert Rodriguez gives an exclusive, high energy, masterclass in how to make a first film for virtually nothing (s) (614341)

11.15 Gaytime TV. The series includes gay-themed holidays, stories from around the world and celebrity guests (Ceefax) (s) (527148)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (38585)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

1.00pm Crossing the River (Ceefax) (625)

1.30pm Choice (Ceefax) (301549)

2.00pm Shortland Street (s) (4284490)

2.30pm TVWales (Ceefax) (7783671)

3.00pm Regional News (Ceefax) (7504490)

3.30pm The History Channel (Ceefax) (55148)

4.00pm Tales from the Wasteland (Ceefax) (338341)

4.30pm BBC2, 7.00pm

5.00pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

5.30pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

6.00pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

6.30pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

7.00pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

7.30pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

8.00pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

8.30pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

9.00pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

9.30pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

10.00pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

10.30pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

11.00pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

11.30pm The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

12.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

1.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

1.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

2.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

2.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

3.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

3.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

4.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

4.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

5.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

5.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

6.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

6.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

7.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

7.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

8.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

8.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

9.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

9.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

10.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

10.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

11.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

11.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

12.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

1.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

1.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

2.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

2.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

3.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

3.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

4.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

4.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

5.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

5.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

6.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

6.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

7.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

7.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

8.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

8.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

9.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

9.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

10.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

10.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

11.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

11.30am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

12.00am The Times (Ceefax) (10954)

BEAMES AIMS LOW  
IN ATTEMPT TO  
REACH AMATEUR HEIGHTS

# SPORT

THURSDAY JUNE 6 1996

Irani set for debut as Edgbaston wicket turns selection in spinner's favour

## England poised to pitch in Patel

BY ALAN LEE  
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND are preparing to award three new caps at Edgbaston today as the Cornhill Test match summer begins on a pitch believed by all concerned to bear no relation to its neighbour, condemned last July by Michael Atherton, the England captain, as the worst he has seen after West Indies had won a brief, but brutal, contest inside seven sessions.

The largest gathering on the ground yesterday was to be found peering at the surface prepared by Steve Rouse, the Warwickshire groundsman. Its startling, two-tone appearance of a year ago has been replaced by one of light grass cover, patchier than England would consider ideal now it is they who have the weight of fast bowling but certainly not a pitch to intimidate.

Atherton pronounced that it



Atherton, the England captain, takes time out during a strenuous session in the nets yesterday to study a video of his own batting form before today's first Test

John Woodcock 43  
Ward lifts Kent 43

looked "a reasonable deck" but also indicated that it was not quite what had been expected. "We're more inclined to play a spinner than we were before we arrived. It is looking increasingly probable," he said. This was good news for Man Patel and, consequently, for Ronnie Irani, but deflating for John Crawley, who looks sure to miss out along with a specialist seam bowler.

With Patel, the left-arm spinner from Kent, included to exploit the cracks in the pitch and the monopoly of Indian right-handers, Irani, the Essex all-rounder, will play his first Test at No 6. Chris Lewis seems assured of his place, with Atherton musing that the bowler to drop out will be either Alan Mullally, who

would be the third new cap, or Peter Martin.

One reason, tactical privacy aside, why Atherton could not be more specific was the unusual absence on the day before a Test match of the chairman of selectors, Raymond Illingworth. Nobody was entirely sure why he had stayed away (though Atherton

irreverently suggested he might be doing a book signing) but as Illingworth comes before the disciplinary committee of the Test and County Cricket Board next Wednesday and the impression grows of an embittered, fatalistic man, it might have been as well that he did.

Atherton and his friend, David Lloyd, the coach, appear to be smoothly in control of team affairs but, as both are aware, it is important not to get carried away. Some of the plaudits hurled in Lloyd's direction have been disproportionate to the achievement of winning the Texaco Trophy.

He is likely to do so, as are some of the less accomplished England batsmen, for whom this short series represents an inviting opportunity to establish themselves. Nick Knight and Nasser Hussain have the advantage of residency, now, and it will be disappointing, not least to themselves, if either is dislodged from the

games. Our priority now is to win a Test series."

So it should be. England

have beaten only New Zealand since 1990, which was when they last met India at home. The decisive victory in that series was secured by the captain, Graham Gooch, making 333 at Lord's. His

successor is in the mood for something similarly influential and was fascinated that the spread bookmakers, Sporting Index believe he will face 360-385 "dot balls" in the three Tests. "I'm going to have to play a long innings," he said, with relish.

He is likely to do so, as are

some of the less accomplished England batsmen, for whom this short series represents an inviting opportunity to establish themselves. Nick Knight and Nasser Hussain have the advantage of residency, now, and it will be disappointing, not least to themselves, if either is dislodged from the

side by an Indian attack that ranks among the fiercest of modern Test cricket.

Their team includes three

specialist seam bowlers and two spinners. Sunil Joshi is the first player to score 500 runs and take 50 wickets during a season in the Ranji Trophy.

India's first-class competition. It is one of four players making their debuts, the most India have fielded for almost 50 years, but the figure is exaggerated by their paucity of recent Test cricket.

Since December 1994, India

have played only three Tests against New Zealand, and two of those were victims of rain. "I'm not going to say it's a disadvantage because I won't accept excuses," Mohammed Azharuddin, the captain, said.

"We must not worry about

conditions, weather or anything else. If we are to play well here, we must apply our minds, it is as simple as that."

England will be applying their minds to ignoring the memories of last year; the public is not yet trying. Despite generally good advance sales, fewer than 5,000 tickets have been sold for Sunday, presumably because people want to be sure the game will last that long.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss on Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

**JOHN BRYANT 46**

WHEN STARS ARE  
MADE TO SUIT  
GRAND DESIGN

Ferdinand  
injury  
provokes  
forward  
thinking

By OLIVER HOLT

SO FRAUGHT have the controversies racking the England football squad been over the last ten days that reports emanating from their training camp yesterday about worrying injuries were treated almost as light relief. The future over damage to a Cathay Pacific plane may have abated but concerns over the fragility of the players on whom England's hopes of success in the European championship rest are just beginning.

The squad trained behind closed doors at their Bisham Abbey headquarters in Buckinghamshire yesterday, one session in the cool of the morning followed by another in the baking heat of the afternoon. With only three days to go until their opening game against Switzerland, they again had to work without two key players.

Les Ferdinand, 29, the Newcastle United striker, and Gary Neville, the Manchester United defender, were forced to miss training for the second successive day. On Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries

a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Alan Sugar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman who was involved in a bitter dispute with the Football Association 18 months ago, will today attempt to win a place on the FA council.

Sugar, who successfully fought an FA Cup ban and 12-point deduction for the club's financial irregularities, is one of seven candidates bidding for five places on the council. With the opening match of Euro 96 only two days away, UEFA yesterday issued a series of guidelines to players and officials aimed largely at preventing crowd trouble.

Referees have been told to punish anyone who "over-celebrates" goals, with players instructed "not to act provocatively". Winning teams have been banned from laps of honour, the governing body of European football dictating that those who "wish to salute their supporters" should do so from the centre circle. Referees have also been instructed to "severely punish any player guilty of misconduct or rough play".

**MORSE**

**How  
Fast?**

Hewlett-Packard will tell you all sorts of good things about their latest UNIX servers. In particular, the speed of their new PA-8000 microprocessor.

At MorseData we'd like to help you take a more considered view. Our Applications Centre can help you test the performance of your own software on these machines, either at our offices or perhaps even at yours. You will find published clock speeds alone do not tell the whole story.

To discuss this with a MorseData consultant, call 0181 232 8000.

**MorseData**  
Corporate  
Reseller

MorseData 0181 232 8000

Tory do  
covert ca  
back NH

# Tory doctors form covert campaign to back NHS reforms

By ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOCTORS sympathetic to the Tory party have set up a covert campaign to promote the Government's health reforms in the run-up to the general election.

The NHS Network, which does not disclose any political affiliations, was set up with the support of Conservative Central Office by Michael Goldsmith, one of the architects of the health service's internal market.

Dr Goldsmith, vice-chairman of the Conservative Medical Society, who is the chief medical officer of the Sedgwick Insurance Group, reports to Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary.

The NHS Network has 20 regional co-ordinators and 1,000 members, including nurses, doctors, NHS managers and hospital trust chairmen. They write to local newspapers, take part in radio phone-ins, suggest positive media coverage on medical breakthroughs and address public meetings. They do not disclose their membership of the group.

Conservative Central Office was the driving force behind the venture, which is funded by £50,000 a year from an anonymous benefactor. Baroness Seccombe, a Tory Party vice-chairwoman responsible for promoting women's issues, is the group's president. Over

the summer it is planning a media offensive to try to extol the virtues of GP fundholding.

Yesterday Dr Goldsmith said: "We do not ask our members about their political affiliation. If I had to guess I would say most are sympathetic to the Tory party. Any one can join as long as they support the reforms. We are not run by the Tory party. We are encouraged by it, which does not make us a secret society. We will be campaigning in the summer but I am not prepared to disclose our tactics."

The NHS Network is based in an office in Roehampton, west London, and has appointed a part-time administrator. Dr Goldsmith, who is based in Northampton, worked in the NHS until 1981 and has been an adviser to six successive health secretaries.

He said: "We are network of people in the health service who have been mobilised to convey a positive message about the changes. We do not spell out our political affiliation. We just take people to task when they argue that the NHS is being destroyed by the Government. It is not. It has been streamlined into an efficient organisation which is caring for more people."

"Health will be a key electoral battleground in the run-up to the election. Labour will

be fighting hard. We will be in the fore of the battle and fighting hard for the Government."

Dr Goldsmith said that it would be unrealistic to expect NHS Network members to disclose their affiliation when speaking to the media. "It would not be right to do so because the network is not a political forum but a gathering of committed medical professionals with a shared interest in making the service work better for the patients."

In the past members have intervened after a hostile Audit Commission report on GP fundholders, and over nurses pay and waiting lists.

The Tories became embroiled in controversy at the last election when it was disclosed that a similar organisation, NHS Task Force, was being run from within Conservative Central Office by a former ministerial special adviser who was a paid party employee. The Tory party does not provide any resources for the NHS Network.

□ Labour promised yesterday that it would not rid NHS trust boards of Tory political appointees and fill them with Labour councillors. In a Fabian Society lecture, Alan Milburn, a health spokesman, said that Labour would make appointments on merit rather than political patronage.

## Cash gets Europe rebellion under way

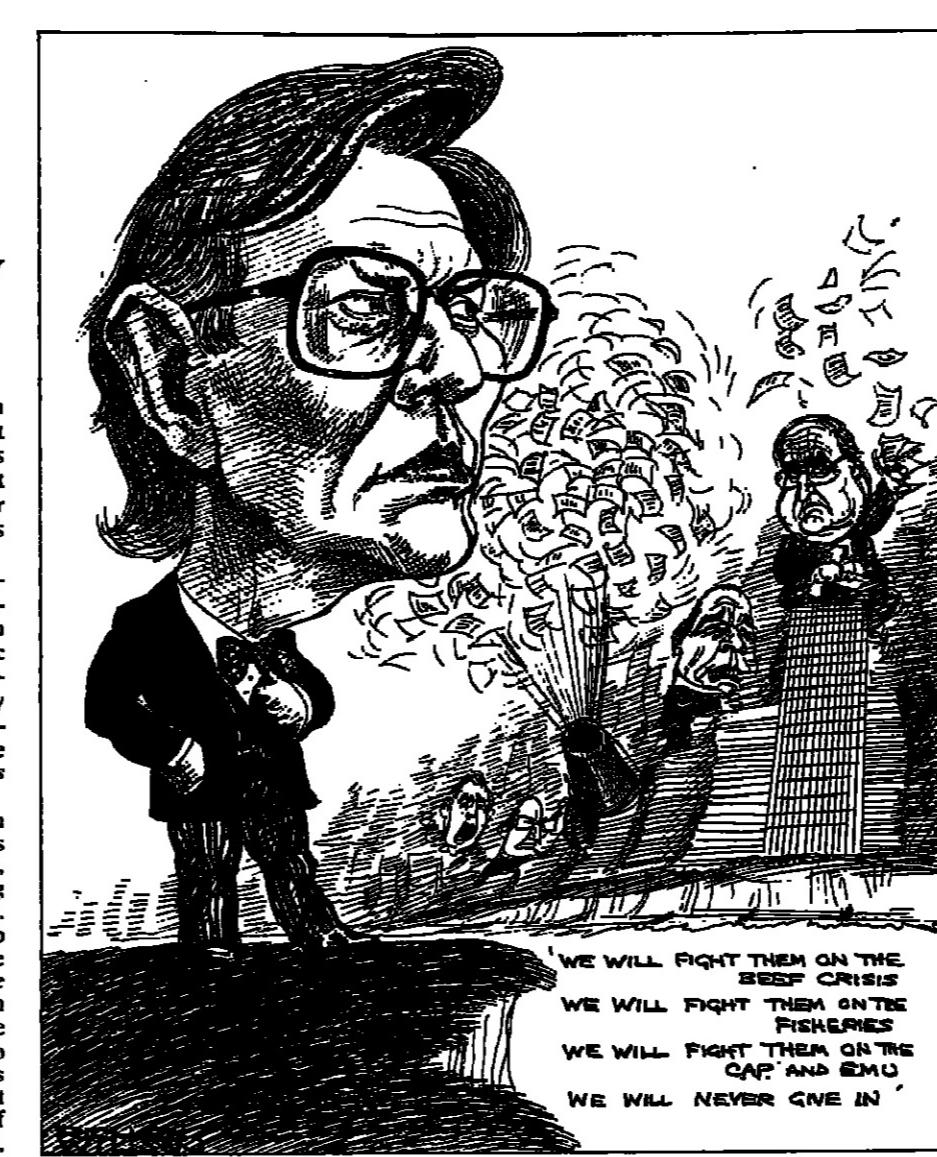
BY ANDREW PIERCE  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE Tory divisions on Europe will be exposed next week when at least 50 MPs are expected to rebel against the Government and vote for a referendum on Britain's future in Europe.

The Referendum Bill, published yesterday, will be introduced in the Commons on Tuesday by the Euro-sceptic MP Bill Cash, under the ten-minute rule. It is endorsed by Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party in a full-page advertisement in *The Times* today.

The former minister John Redwood is planning talks with Mr Cash about the Bill, which stops short of calling for withdrawal from Europe. Voters are asked instead to say "yes" or "no" to the question: "Do you want the UK to propose and insist on irreversible changes in the Treaty on European Union so that the UK retains its powers of government and is not part of a federal Europe nor part of a European monetary union, including a single currency?"

The Referendum Party, which plans to field up 600 candidates at the general election, says in its advertisement that the Bill addresses the "fundamental national issue": should the UK, as a continuing member of the EU, be part of a European federal superstate or a Europe of nations? "Electors have never been granted a choice. The



Government is not credible when it argues that there will be no federal Europe so long as it's in power."

Mr Cash, who claims to have cross-party support, wants the referendum to be held before the conclusion of the inter-governmental conference on the Maastricht treaty in September 1997. He has not ruled out the Gold-

smith option of a referendum on polling day.

The diplomatic war with Europe over beef is expected to swell support for the Bill.

The former whipless rebel met Mr Cash yesterday and pledged their backing.

The Bill is expected to attract support similar to that in April for Iain Duncan Smith's proposed curb on the European Court, which was backed by 66 Tories. Mr Duncan Smith, one of the most respected Euro-sceptics, said: "I will support the Cash Bill. It is a sensible measure."

But a senior pro-Europe Tory said: "The Referendum Bill may avoid the question of staying in or out but it is an attempt at withdrawal from Europe by the backdoor."

## Peer tries to calm judicial dispute

BY JAMES LANDALE

LABOUR tried yesterday to calm the growing dispute between the Government and the judiciary, calling for self-restraint from both sides.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, said there was rising public concern over the "unprecedented antagonism" between judges and ministers as both sides accused the other of encroaching on their powers. But he supported ministers by warning judges against attacking government policy in public.

"I think judges would be wise to confine themselves to controversy about the administration of justice," he told the House of Lords. "If they engage more extensively in political controversy, they risk undermining public confidence in their political impartiality."

He said he had no wish to censor judges, but added: "It is only if that self-restraint is displayed on both sides that the public will have confidence that the separation of powers is alive and working well."

His remarks follow recent criticism by several judges of Michael Howard's mandatory sentencing reforms. They have accused the Home Secretary of usurping powers that should lie with the courts.

At the same time, Mr Howard has attacked recent court judgments that have overturned decisions he had made under statutory and prerogative powers.

**Crude, British Steel**

A large black and white photograph of a steel mill, showing industrial structures and smokestacks emitting plumes of smoke. The word 'Crude, British Steel' is overlaid in large, bold, sans-serif letters across the middle of the image.

**British Steel Making Beaten**

At the bottom of the page, the words 'British Steel Making Beaten' are written in a stylized, jagged font, suggesting industrial activity or perhaps a strike.

## Referendum Bill dodges only question that counts

RIDDELL  
ON POLITICS

The Tory Euro-sceptics are trying to have it both ways — arguing for a Europe of independent nations without admitting the inevitable consequences. Their demands go well beyond resisting further integration or opposing British participation in a monetary union. The sceptics want to repatriate existing powers of EU institutions by unilateral decisions such as the imposition of a fishing limit around Britain or making Parliament supreme over the rulings of the European Court of Justice. But these demands involve much more than Britain being on the outer tier of a multi-tier EU. They are really about whether Britain stays in the EU.

That is why Bill Cash's Bill on a referendum on Europe — to be debated under the 10 minute rule procedure next Tuesday — is flawed. He has been consistent and persistent in his argument that the Maastricht treaty has already created what he terms "federal" arrangements, and these must now be renegotiated. The British opt-in/opt-out on monetary union is not enough, he argues. So a clear expression of public views is therefore needed to determine Britain's negotiating position on the intergovernmental conference.

In a letter to fellow MPs, Mr Cash misrepresents the results of a MORI poll in *The Times* last week. He says the poll showed that 60 per cent actively oppose a federal

party finance the rival campaigns, though both the amounts and the criteria for grants are vague. New controls are also proposed on coverage by the broadcasters to ensure "full impartiality and relevance".

The real weakness in the Bill is the proposed question — "do you want the UK to propose and insist on irreversible changes in the Treaty on European Union, so that the UK retains its powers of government and is not part of a federal Europe nor part of a European monetary union, including a single currency?" The Government has already promised a referendum on a single currency. The rest of the question amounts to a general and confusing demand for a renegotiation of Britain's membership of the EU. But like the other sceptics, Mr Cash is reluctant to pose the underlying question of whether Britain stays in or gets out of the EU.

As last week's MORI poll showed, there is still a small majority for British membership. This is despite the beef confrontation which threatens to be a quagmire for the Major Government. The real choice facing Britain is whether to remain in the EU and reach the compromises which that entails, or whether to leave, as the sceptics' demands imply. That is the only genuine question for a referendum.

PETER RIDDELL

## Ashdown champions the poor

BY ALICE THOMSON

PADDY ASHDOWN promised to make the Liberal Democrats the "voice of the underclass" yesterday when he announced his party's proposed 50p top rate of tax.

Mr Ashdown, the party leader, said that raising tax on incomes of more than £100,000 would enable the Government to take up to 750,000 people on low incomes out of taxation altogether.

The proposal is the main piece of the party's new Helping Hand programme of tax and reform reforms aimed at breaking the poverty trap.

In a challenge to Labour, which has consistently refused to spell out its tax plans, he said the Liberal Democrats were offering a "clear, costed, committed" programme.

Mr Ashdown warned Tony Blair of the dangers of political "timidity" — going into the election unwilling to be the voice of the poor. "We are determined that we will provide that voice," he said. "We provide a sharp contrast with Labour's hands-off approach to people let down, left out and left behind."

## Labour MPs join fight against PR

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

ROY HATTERSLEY and Gerald Kaufman launched a national campaign by Labour MPs against electoral reform yesterday.

The two former Labour ministers say that their experience in the Lib-Lab pact of the late 1970s convinced them that coalition government — an inevitable result of proportional representation (PR) — did not work.

More than 100 Labour MPs have joined the First Past the Post Group, which supports the present constituency-based voting system. They are sending letters and leaflets to local Labour parties, the trade unions, and the public to argue their case against PR.

Tony Blair has committed Labour to holding a referendum on PR but the party leader said recently that he has yet to be convinced of its merits.

Although there are many types of PR, each party would get the number of MPs in Parliament that most closely represents their share of the vote. As such, smaller parties such as the Liberal Demo-

cats, the most ardent advocates of PR, would have more MPs than now. If Tony Blair entered any agreement with the Liberal Democrats after the general election, he might be forced to give ground towards some form of PR.

The new group argues that PR would give small, extremist parties "undue access to power", destroy the relationship between MPs and their constituents, and lead to weak coalition governments. They also admit openly that PR would cut the number of Labour MPs.

Mr Hattersley said: "Groups which commanded a small proportion of the popular vote would hold the major parties to ransom. I joined the Labour Party to change the nature of society. That objective cannot be achieved by a coalition government."

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: Home Office questions; debates on the Royal Air Force and on the effect of military cuts on communities. In the House of Lords: Deregulation of Land Bill, third reading; Housing Bill committee; debate on Healthcare 2000 report.

Likud 'is more able to secure peace', aide says

FROM ROSS DUNN  
IN JERUSALEM

A KEY adviser to Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister-elect, says the new Likud Government will be better able to secure peace in the Middle East than the last Labour administration.

Dore Gold, a leading strategic analyst, is expected to be formally appointed soon as a foreign policy adviser to Mr Netanyahu. He disputed the common wisdom that the peace process would collapse under a Likud-led administration. Dr Gold was speaking after making the first official contact since the poll between Likud and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Dr Gold said that a mechanism would be created to forge contacts between Israel and the PLO once Mr Netanyahu has formed a coalition.

"People should be aware of the record of conservative governments around the world in securing peace," he said. Examples included the Reagan Administration's record in bringing the Cold War to an end. "Here in the Middle East, we have the example of the Likud Government under Menachem Begin, who reached a peace treaty with Egypt," Dr Gold said.

He said a Likud Government would be stronger than a Labour one in taking the PLO to task over violations of the peace accord. Since Labour had initiated the deal it had trouble dealing with violations, he added. A government which had not started the process would have fewer problems than one which had "so much political capital invested in the accord".

As for the possibility of peace between Israel and Arab states such as Syria, Dr Gold said: "I live by a simple axiom — one cannot expect that peace between Israel and the Arab states would be any greater than it is between the Arab states themselves."

Marwan Karanfani, spokesman for Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian President, said: "I think the President is surprised [by Mr Netanyahu's victory] but he is determined to co-operate with any person directed by the Israelis to occupy the office of Prime Minister."



Yasser Arafat, left, President Mubarak of Egypt, centre, and King Husain of Jordan, arrive at the resort of Aqaba for a summit yesterday

## Britain warns Netanyahu not to crush Palestinian hopes

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER  
MIDDLE EAST  
CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN yesterday warned Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's hardline Prime Minister-elect, that Israel hopes for lasting peace with the Arabs would fail if he trampled on Palestinian aspirations for statehood.

The blunt warning, just two days after John Major hosted Yasser Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, at 10 Downing Street, was delivered in Cairo by Jeremy Hanley, Foreign Office Minister for Hong Kong and the Middle East.

"Never say never, otherwise you are not going to have a comprehensive, just and agreed solution which people can settle upon in the long term," he said, commenting on Mr Netanyahu's campaign pledge never to permit a Palestinian state to be established on the former land of British-mandated Palestine.

"Do not rule out by saying 'no statehood, never' because that cuts out proper negotiation and discussion. You should not remove the legitimate aspirations of individuals ahead of negotiations," Mr Hanley added.

His remarks were seen as amplification of a speech made during the election campaign by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary. Mr Rifkind infuriated many Israelis by declaring that Israel could not unilaterally impose an agreement on the Palestinians and accusing it of maintaining a "military occupation" in annexed east Jerusalem.

Mr Hanley was speaking as three Arab leaders — Presi-

Jerusalem: The Israeli Supreme Court yesterday upheld Binyamin Netanyahu's narrow election victory (Christopher Walker writes). It rejected a motion to include blank ballots in the final tally, which would have entailed a new election, because it would have meant that the Likud leader had not won the required 50 per cent of the vote.

The final twist in the knife-edge poll came when the five-judge panel rejected a petition demanding that the blank ballots should be counted. It ruled that Israel's election law clearly stated that a blank ballot was spoiled. One of the petitioners had argued: "Tens of thousands of blank ballots were cast by people who did not support either candidate and wished to register a protest. To ignore their vote is not only illegal, but also undemocratic."

dent Mubarak of Egypt, King Husain of Jordan and Mr Arafat — held a summit to coordinate reaction to the Netanyahu election victory. The meeting led Mr Hanley to praise Mr Mubarak for his efforts to "gather opinion constructively" from other Arab leaders before passing judgment on Mr Netanyahu. An Egyptian, Syrian and Saudi Arabian summit is scheduled for this weekend.

The Palestinians fear that Mr Netanyahu will stick by campaign pledges and refuse to discuss the final status of Jerusalem, as laid down in the 1993 peace accord signed in Washington.

They also fear that he will delay the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the West Bank city of Hebron, which was initially agreed by the defeated Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, for June 12.

"Do not say we will never discuss the status of Jerusalem," Mr Hanley pleaded at a news conference, that appeared certain to increase the strain on Anglo-Israeli relations sparked by Mr Rifkind's outspoken speech last month.

"The status of Jerusalem is

Netanyahu's Likud Party. "Sooner or later, there will be a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital," Mr Arafat told a news conference given by the three leaders.

At that point King Husain interrupted the Palestinian leader to add that Jordan will never be a substitute homeland for the Palestinians — a notion often floated by the Likud Party on the basis that more than one-half of the desert kingdom's population of nearly four million is Palestinian.

Although the summit was intended to convey an image of Arab solidarity in the face of Israel's election upset, the absence of Syria — still at odds with the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Jordan over their willingness to cut separate peace deals with Israel — was a reminder of the divisions which remain in the Arab camp.

Yesterday the daily *Bahrain Observer*, a mouthpiece for President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, gave a warning of popular revolts among Arabs whose leaders have signed peace treaties with Israel. "This humiliating policy of some Arab rulers is creating a

sense of resentment among the vast majority of Arab masses," the paper said. "This in turn will breed violence".

In a surprise overture to Syria, run by a rival wing of the Baath Party, the paper said that after the Netanyahu victory, Syria and Iraq should abandon their differences and confront Israel's threats.

To counter renewed Zionist challenges, Syrian-Iraqi relations should be normalised and restored as a vital and necessary step," it added.



Hanley: there must be proper negotiation

## Renewing your home insurance in June or July?

### If you're 50 or over, save with SAGA Home Insurance

You will know how expensive home insurance can be — particularly if your insurance company is also having to insure younger, less careful householders. Thankfully, if you're aged 50 or over you can benefit from SAGA Home Insurance — a superior household insurance that's only available to mature, responsible people like you.

SAGA Home Insurance can offer you genuine savings over other policies, while giving you cover that fully protects your home and possessions. So if your home insurance is due for renewal soon, or if you would simply like to find out how much you could save with SAGA Home Insurance, call us today — free.

#### The Saga Price Promise

If you find another comparable policy at a lower price within 2 months of taking out SAGA Home Insurance, we'll refund you the difference.

### SAGA Services Ltd

Saga Services Ltd would like to send you information about services provided by other Saga companies and may pass details to these companies to enable them to do so.



- Exclusively for people aged 50 or over.

- Cover is comprehensive and low cost.

- Free Saga Assist service - 24 Hour Domestic Helpline.  
24 Hour Legal Helpline.  
24 Hour Glazing Service.

- Discounts for home security.

- Free pen with your quotation.

#### Call us today!

For your free no obligation quote and a free Saga pen, simply call us on the number below. We will be pleased to answer any questions you have on SAGA Home Insurance.



**0800 414 525 ext.3245**

Lines open Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm,  
Saturdays 9am - 1pm

Alternatively, send this coupon to us in an envelope — you do not need a stamp:  
Saga Services Limited, FREEPOST 7731, Middleburg Square, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1BR

Mr / Mrs / Miss Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: / /

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Renewal Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of bedrooms: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Property:

Detached House:  Semi-detached House:

Terraced House:  Detached Bungalow:

Semi-detached Bungalow:  Flat/Maisonette:

Other:  Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately when was it built?

Pre 1920  1920-1945  1946-1979  1980-Present

H 3245

Please tick the type of cover for which you would like a quotation:  
Home Content Cover  
Buildings Cover

Answer YES to the following and you could save up to 15% on your Contents premium.

Does your home have an annually maintained burglar alarm?

Is a 5-lever mortise lock fitted to the final exit door?

Are all other external doors fitted with key-operated locks or bolts?

Are secure key-operated locks fitted to all accessible windows?

Are you an active member of a Police Approved Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

For insurance on listed buildings, those of non-standard construction, flats and mansardettes, or if you are the landlord of the property to be insured, please telephone 0800 414 525 ext 3245 for your quote or tick the box for further details.

republic  
to sink  
in wave o

Old theatre man  
with Times Squ

FROM JAMES HILL

DEVELPERS have come up and moved to the site of the former Empire Theatre in Times Square, formed from a former light district that is no longer needed for a cinema.

The landmark Empire Theatre will be demolished at 42nd Street to make way for a 25-screen cinema.

The scheme to renovate the year-old Empire is the latest in a series of ambitious endeavours to bring the whole area back to life. The "Street of Dreams" which had fallen into disrepair and poverty, has been reborn. First City Railways, the developer, is behind the new complex, to be called Empire because it

COLONY CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Colony Club to open in the autumn of 1994. The Colony Club is located on the corner of Colmore Row and Corporation Street, London W1. The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight. The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight.

The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight. The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight.

The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight. The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight.

The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight. The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight.

The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight. The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight.

The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight. The Colony Club will be open daily from 12 noon to 12 midnight.

**INTERHOME**  
Holiday houses. Holiday apartments.

0181 891 1294  
Monday-Saturday  
9 am-8 pm

**Special offers:**

- Venice (1) 6 people/week Normal price £ 511 £ 351
- Marbella (E) 8 people/week Normal price £ 426 £ 285
- Lago di Ledro (1) 5 people/week Normal price £ 123 £ 99
- Tewkesbury (G) 5 people/week Normal price £ 346 £ 232
- Dittishausen (D) 3 people/week Normal price £ 199 £ 133
- Cannes (F) 6 people/week Normal price £ 684 £ 481
- Warsaw (PL) 2 people/week Normal price £ 227 £ 152
- Katwijk (N) 6 people/week Normal price £ 347 £ 232
- Menorca (GB) 2 people/week Normal price £ 229 £ 160
- Schladming (A) 4 people/week Normal price £ 397 £ 293
- Tuscany (1) 10 people/week Normal price £ 577 £ 387
- Guildford (GB) 7 people/week Normal price £ 408 £ 273
- Grindelwald (CH) 4 people/week Normal price £ 532 £ 356
- Paris (F) 2 people/week Normal price £ 338 £ 236

More last minute bargains available on 0181 891 1294

**THE TIMES**  
Subscriptions

*The Times* will match any subscription offer you receive from other daily national newspapers.

For further details please call us FREE on the following number:

**FREEPHONE  
0800 120 130**

Lines open 7 days from 8am to 6pm

Offer available in the UK only

لذا من الضروري

# Republicans hope to sink Clinton in wave of scandal

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON was rife with charge and counter-charge yesterday as Republicans strove to smother the Clinton White House with scandals.

Senate Whitewater committee Republicans accused their Democratic colleagues of a cover-up after they refused to grant David Hale, a former Arkansas financier and Clinton foe, immunity from prosecution if he testified about various financial shenanigans in Little Rock when Mr Clinton was Governor.

Among other things, Mr Hale claims Mr Clinton pressured him to make an illegal \$300,000 (£193,000) loan to his partners in the Whitewater Development Company from government-insured funds earmarked for the economically disadvantaged.

William Clinger, Republican chairman of the House Travelgate committee, accused the White House of illegally using the FBI to smear one of the seven members of the White House Travel Office in order to justify their controversial 1993 dismissals. He produced a subpoenaed document showing that Bernard Nussbaum, the former White House counsel, requested and obtained FBI files on Billy Dale, the Office head, seven months after his dismissal.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, flourished an article in the conservative American Spectator claiming the White House delayed announcing the death of Ron Brown, the Commerce Secretary, in an April plane crash until incriminating papers covering his financial dealings were re-



Clinton: well ahead of Dole in polls

moved from his office. The White House furiously denied the charge.

The mystery of Hillary Clinton's lost-and-found legal records was deepened by the release of an FBI fingerprint analysis which Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, ordered in an attempt to discover who concealed the subpoenaed documents for two years before they were inexplicably found on a table in the Clintons' private quarters.

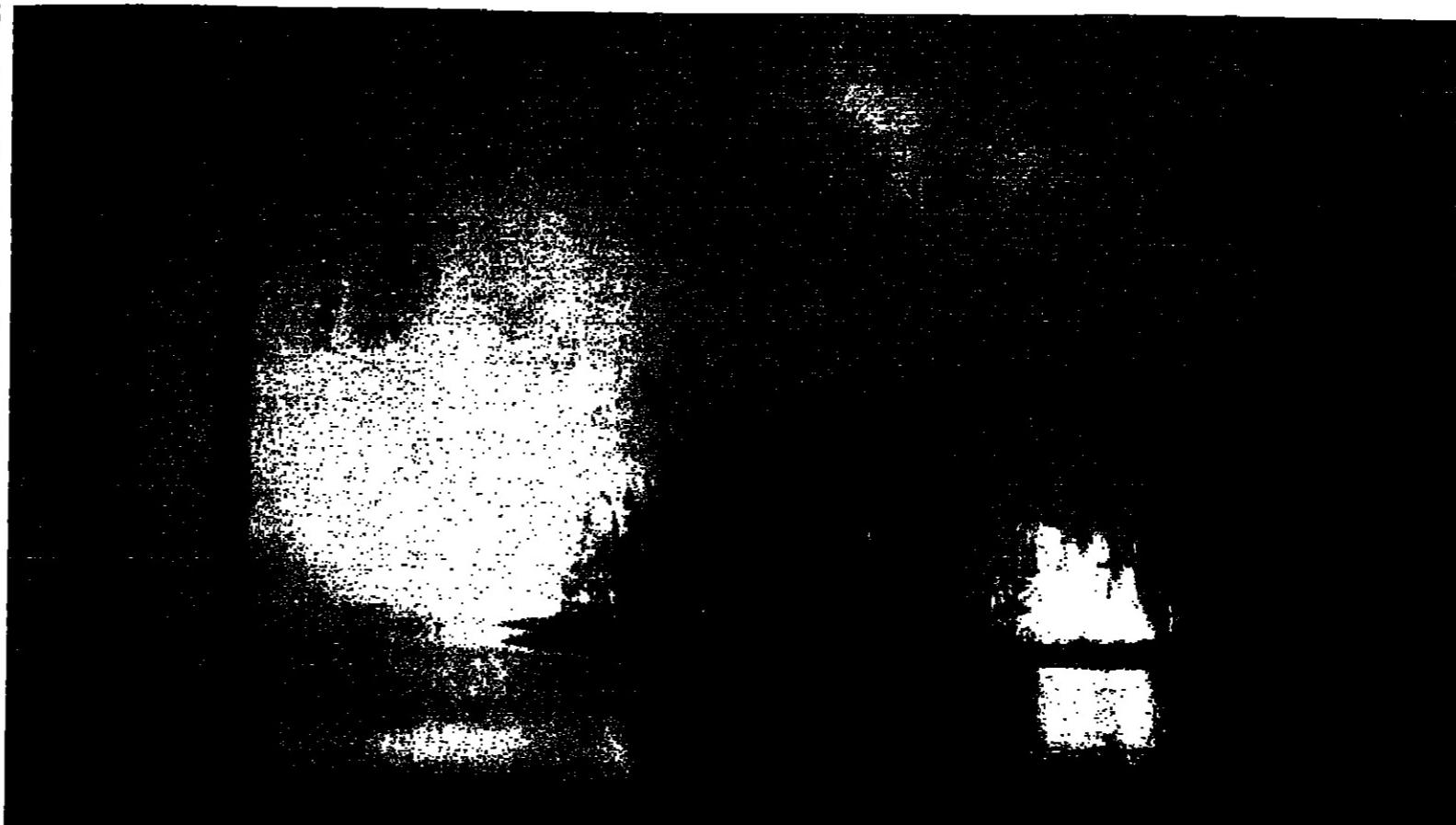
The FBI identified two of the First Lady's fingerprints on the documents, which detailed her work for Madison Guaranty, the corrupt Arkansas bank at the heart of the Whitewater affair. It also identified prints belonging to Vincent Foster, the deputy White House counsel who killed himself in 1993; Carolyn Huber, the assistant to Mrs

Clinton who found the documents on the table; and three other lowly figures who worked either for Mrs Clinton's former law firm or the Clintons' private lawyer in Washington. A White House spokesman said the analysis "completely undermines" Republican claims that the three Clinton aides who searched Mr Foster's office after his suicide illegally spirited away the documents. The FBI found none of their prints.

Mr Gingrich predicted during a private meeting of Republican officials that scandal would cost Mr Clinton the White House. But a new poll for The New York Times showed Mr Clinton enjoys a 19-point lead over Bob Dole, his Republican challenger.

■ Roosevelt wins Hall of Fame Roosevelt, 36, grandson of former President Roosevelt, has won a seat on the Long Beach City Council's fourth district in California, election officials said. (Reuters)

William Rees-Mogg, page 20



Flames reach the shoreline of Birch Lake in Alaska as firefighters struggled in gusty winds to stop the spread of a 6,000-acre blaze that has forced the evacuation of up to 1,000 residents from communities north of Anchorage.

Tony Knowles, the Governor, declared the fire zone a disaster area and asked the state legislature and the federal Government for emergency money to help those who lost homes and to continue fighting the fire raging in America's largest state. The blaze began on Sunday in a popular recreation area and was held to 68 acres until winds fanned it out of control late on Monday, said Gary Lefuhhausen of the state's Division of Forestry.

Winds continued to feed the

## Winds fan Alaska forest fire

the blaze was caused by human activity. Damage is estimated at \$28 million (£18 million).

Wild fires are common in the late spring and summer in Alaska, although they generally hit unpopulated areas and are allowed to burn themselves out. By Tuesday, 343 fires throughout the state had burned over some 25,000 acres, the Alaska Interagency Fire Co-ordination Centre said. (Reuters)

## Old theatre moving with Times Square

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

DEVELOPERS plan to pick up and move a 750-seat theatre as Times Square is transformed from a tawdry red-light district into an entertainment mecca for tourists.

The landmark Empire Theatre will be trundled down 42nd Street to a new site about 70ft away to make room for a 25-screen cinema.

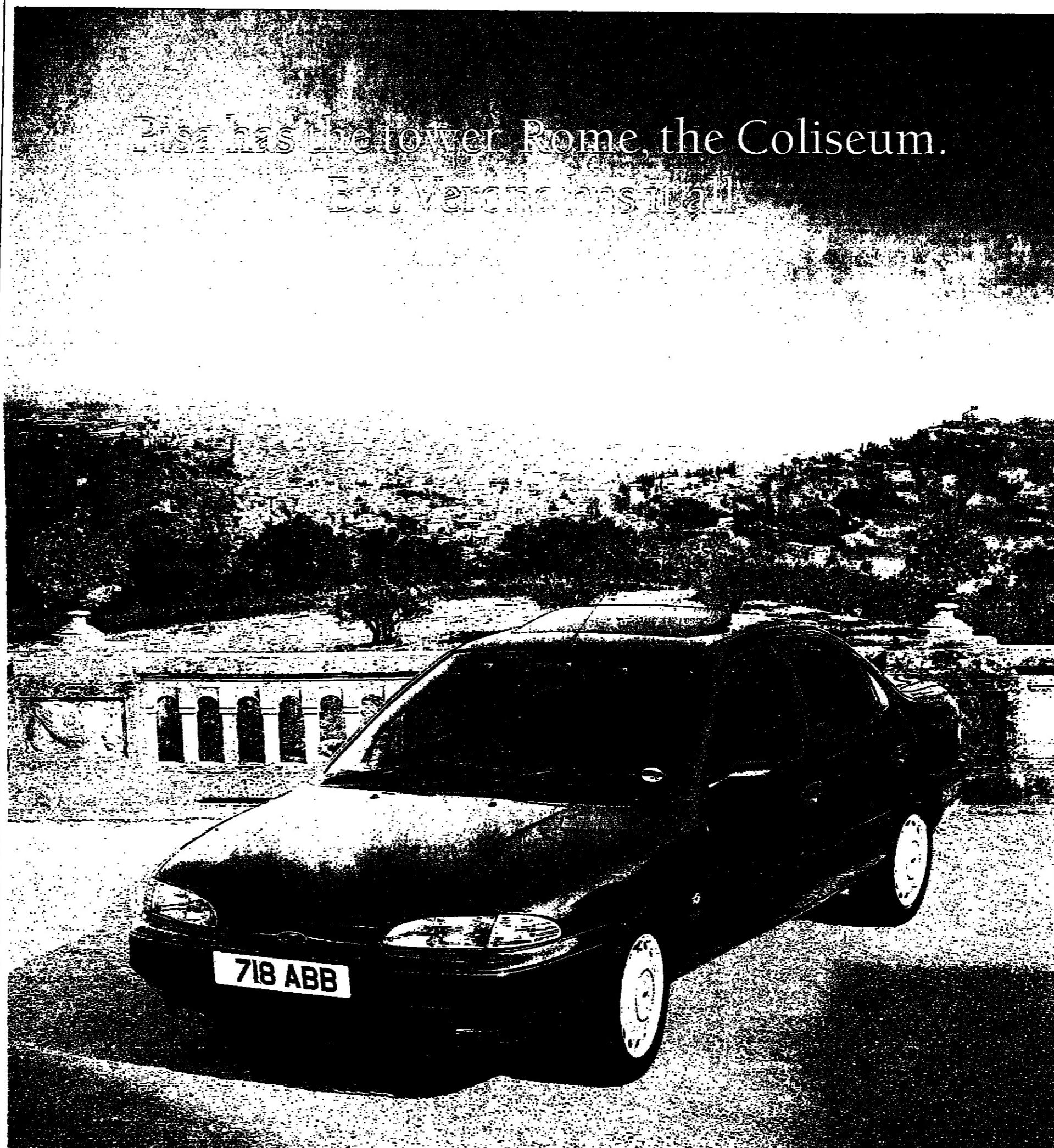
The scheme to move the 93-year-old Empire is the most ambitious engineering feat in the wholesale redevelopment of the "Street of Dreams", which had fallen prey to violence and pornography.

Forest City Ratner Companies, the developer building the new cineplex, is moving the Empire because it takes up

too much space, yet cannot be demolished because it is a protected building. The theatre, which closed in the mid-1980s after a spell as a cinema, will be raised off its foundations and put on steel rails for its journey.

In its new position, the theatre, which has a lavish interior with Greek, Roman and Egyptian motifs, will serve as the entrance and lobby of the cinema complex.

Just yards away will be a new waxwork museum planned for 42nd Street by Madame Tussaud's. Disney is renovating the New Amsterdam Theatre on the same block to stage big musicals based on its films.



**COLONY CLUB**

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Under the provisions of the 1966 Gaming Act a licence has been granted to The Colony Club to operate a Casino at 24 Hertford Street, London W1Y 7DA.

Facilities will include, Roulette, Blackjack, Craps, Stud Poker, Dice and Punto Banco.

From the 9th of June 1996 The Colony Club will be open daily between 1pm and 4am, with gaming commencing at 2pm. Restaurant and bar open from 12 noon.

An application for membership must be made in person at the Club at least 48 hours prior to being allowed to take part in gaming as a member. In line with the regulations proof of identity will also be required.

The Colony Club  
24 Hertford Street, London W1Y 7DA, Tel 0171 495 5000.

To comprehend quite how much Verona has to offer, there's no substitute for being there, walking its historic avenues and slowly absorbing the atmosphere.

Its namesake, the Mondeo Verona, also deserves closer scrutiny. With standard features that include metallic paint, electric windows,

power steering, remote central double locking, sunroof and driver's airbag it already has a head start over the competition.

Not until you've felt the sheer exhilaration behind the wheel though, is it possible to fully appreciate What Car's unbridled enthusiasm.

"...this is one of the safest and most secure

chassis around, it's also one that the keen driver has most cause to celebrate."

Of course, we'd be the first to admit other cars have their redeeming features.

It's just that Verona, quite simply, has it all. For further information please call 0345 111 777.



Mondeo Verona. From £13,585 on the road.\* It makes all the difference.

\*On the road price after recommended retail price, delivery, 12 months road fund licence and estimated costs of fuel and number plates.

£16,000 extra model shown includes option pack, at an additional £285. 1.8 turbo diesel £14,185 on the road.

# Nato fears Islamic takeover as Turkish coalition bickers



Ciller: faces investigation into her personal wealth

FROM MICHAEL BINYON  
IN ISTANBUL

**I**N THE full glare of 155 nations attending the United Nations' Habitat international housing conference, Turkey's torturing Government is likely to collapse before the end of the week.

The fall of Mesut Yilmaz's centrist-right coalition, undermined by the Prime Minister's bitter personal feud with Tansu Ciller, his predecessor and now his nominal coalition ally, may lead to the triumph of the opposition Islamists, bringing to power an openly religious party for the first time since Ataturk imposed a secular constitution more than 70 years ago.

Such a move would send shock waves throughout Nato, and could call into question the pro-Western policies and orientation that have

made Turkey a bedrock of the Atlantic alliance since the Second World War. The advent of an Islamic government could also alarm investors and financial circles, accelerating Turkey's rampant inflation. It would undermine the West's attempt to protect Iraqi Kurds from President Saddam Hussein and give comfort to Islamic fundamentalism throughout the Middle East.

The writing has been on the wall for Mr Yilmaz, of the Motherland Party, since he threatened to send Mrs Ciller, leader of the True Path Party, to the Supreme Court on suspicion of having set up a slush fund for her use. She is strongly contesting the charges, and has promised to support a no-confidence motion against Mr Yilmaz, to be tabled in parliament on Saturday by Necmettin Erbakan.

Brussels: Mesut Yilmaz, the Turkish Prime Minister, said yesterday that his country should be invited to this month's European Union summit to help bolster ties between Turkey and the EU. Mr Yilmaz said he was pressing for a seat at the summit in Florence on June 21-22 as part of a strategy which aims to secure full Union membership for Turkey. "I cannot imagine a European Union without Turkey at the beginning of the next decade," Mr Yilmaz said after two days of talks. But an EU official said that Turkey would not be invited to Florence with other aspiring members and repeated the EU's longstanding position that Turkey does not yet qualify for membership. (AP)

the leader of the pro-Islamic Welfare Party. Mrs Ciller's deputies decided yesterday to support her vote against Mr Yilmaz, making his defeat seem certain. This could lead to fresh elections, or to a new coalition headed by Mr Erbakan. Meanwhile, parliament voted to investigate the sources of Mrs Ciller's personal wealth.

All this week there have been frantic attempts to patch up the present secular Government, quirkily known as the Motherpath coalition. But the personal enmity between the two party leaders, and a series of false moves by both sides, has, if anything, deepened the gulf. Mr Yilmaz has tried to push Mrs Ciller into a corner, but Turkey's "Iron Lady" is as much a fighter as her role model, Margaret

Thatcher. Waiting in the wings is the army, traditionally the guardian of Ataturk's secular legacy, which has twice before brutally intervened to dispatch bickering politicians. Many Turks, voicing conspiracy theories, also say the Americans would not allow the Islamists to come to power. The main threat would be to American bases in Turkey, especially to Incirlik, the base for Operation Provide Comfort, to help Iraqi Kurds and police the "no-fly" zone over northern Iraq.

The mandate for this operation is up for renewal at the end of this month, and the Americans have been lobbying political leaders, though even the present Defence Minister is likely to tell Nato's defence planning committee that there are not enough parliamentary votes to extend it.

Turkey's political drift is having serious economic consequences. Rampant inflation remains unchecked, and the latest consumer price index rose a further 4.5 per cent in May, giving a yearly inflation rate of 82.9 per cent. The possibility of fresh elections has already scared the private sector into raising prices. The International Monetary Fund, in a strongly worded letter to the Government, has painted a bleak picture, with warnings of higher inflation and a budget deficit double what the Government foresees.

During a visit to Brussels this week, Mr Yilmaz has appeared to soften towards Mrs Ciller, and has suggested a possible meeting with her on his return. But as one observer said: "Turkish politics is a game of chess which nobody knows how to play properly."

## Gorbachev revels in limelight on the campaign trail

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN KAZAN, RUSSIA

AS THE instantly recognisable balding head of Mikhail Gorbachev piloted a course through the crowd, the packed hall at the Kazan Technical University broke into whistles and applause.

About 600 people were jammed in, standing in the aisles and sitting on top of each other under the stern gaze of a portrait of the university's rector.

"I attribute immense importance to this election campaign," Mr Gorbachev said from the lectern. "You are under a complete information blockade." The excited reception for the former Soviet President in Kazan, 500 miles east of Moscow, belies the idea that he is universally hated in Russia. But for many he is just a celebrity.

"I am in shock," said Alis, a young secretary. "I have seen Mikhail Gorbachev in the flesh." Yevgeni Shukin, a middle-aged engineer who accuses Mr Gorbachev of indecisiveness, said: "People have come to see the man of mystery. He is a good man, but this country needs a tough man."

Despite very low poll ratings, Mr Gorbachev is clearly enjoying the campaign. After five years of what he calls "political exile" following his abrupt exit from high office in 1991, he has a chance to put his side of the argument.

"Their main tactic is to shut Gorbachev up, and that is why I am travelling," he told *The Times*. "The auditoriums are always full. I answer questions for two or three hours. I am live on local television, and in places where state television does not let me on air I am on private chan-

nels. So Gorbachev's glasnost is working."

The man who delivers four-hour speeches is not contrite.

He answered each question for ten or 15 minutes, often straying from the topic to touch the same point: how he had sought to keep the Soviet Union together in 1991 but had been foiled by Boris Yeltsin on the one hand and the August coup plotters on the other; and how he had set out on a course of gradual reform which had been wrecked by Mr Yeltsin.

He was besieged with questions about his hugely unpopular anti-alcohol campaign of 1985 and 1986, when vodka



disappeared from the shops. It had been carried out "idiotically", Mr Gorbachev conceded, but the principles had been right because drunkenness was destroying Russian industry.

He turned over the next written question: "How much will a bottle of vodka cost?" The hall erupted in laughter.

The former President now firmly identifies himself with what he calls the "democratic movement". The campaign has been made into a trap, he says, in which voters are told there are only two candidates, President Yeltsin and Gennadi Zyuganov, the Com-

munist leader, and all other votes are wasted. As far as he was concerned, "it is the difference between two shoes, a left one and a right one. They both belong to the Communist system".

A touch of venom entered his voice when he talked about Mr Yeltsin, who ejected him from the Kremlin in December 1991. Their rivalry dates from 1987 when Mr Gorbachev dismissed Mr Yeltsin as head of the Moscow Communist Party, although he gave him a government job and let him to stay in the capital. He was asked how he would have treated Mr Yeltsin then, knowing what later developed. "I would have sent him to Africa!" Mr Gorbachev cried.

He clearly overestimates the effect his campaign is having. Opinion polls have not given him more than 2 per cent of the vote, which would put him in seventh or eighth place in a field of 11 on June 16. Workers and pensioners cannot forgive him for "destroying the Soviet Union".

"That we are here at all is all due to Gorbachev," argued Gabit Rusa, who runs a local Muslim charity and is that rare phenomenon — a committed Gorbachev voter. "We should put up a statue to him, but it will take people 20 years to realise that."

When Mr Gorbachev

emerged on to the sunny street, an old lady pushed her granddaughter through the crowds to catch a glimpse of the elder statesman. A dozen cameras clicked and policemen cracked jokes. For them it was a relaxing assignment before President Yeltsin hits Kazan on Sunday.



A young Yeltsin supporter holding up a poster of the Russian leader with the slogan "Our President" outside the parliament in Moscow yesterday

## HARDWOOD FLOORS WITH A DIFFERENCE...



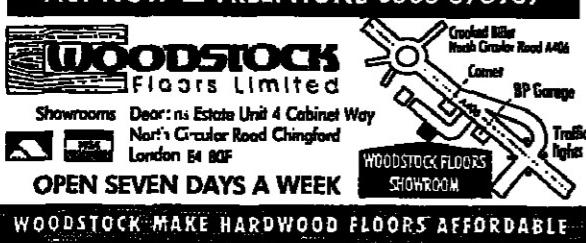
The traditional, yet contemporary, look of a real wood floor, creates a warm, distinctive living atmosphere. Wicanders' floors are ideal for most living areas, in both traditional and contemporary homes.

Active families have special needs. Wicanders' floors make cleaning and care easy. Simply vacuum or wipe over with a damp mop to restore your floor to its natural beauty.

To this style and practicality, Wicanders add warmth, strength and guaranteed durability, reflected by our 10 year wear warranty. Call us now and see why Wicanders and Woodstock must be your first choice!

- Wicanders floors are suitable for installation directly onto your existing floor.
- Choose block or planked mahogany, red oak, natural oak, maple, walnut, beech or cherry. The choice is vast.
- Unique pre finish no polishing required. Almost maintenance free.
- Normally installed in a single day by our specially trained craftsmen.
- Domestic and Commercial - Wicanders floors are installed in Austin Reed, BAA, British Museum, BS, IBM, Lloyd's Bank, Royal Mail, Whitbread PLC to name a few.
- A full ten year wear warranty.
- Comprehensive Credit Terms available. Written details on request.
- Select in the comfort of your own home or visit our showroom.

FOR YOUR BROCHURE OR FREE SURVEY AND QUOTATION ACT NOW & FREEPHONE 0500 678967



AN INMATE once called it "the island of the living dead", but Hollywood turned Alcatraz into something livelier for the world premiere of Sean Connery's latest action extravaganza.

Taking the art of the publicist

stunt to new extremes, the grim concrete exercise yard of the old "super-prison" in San Francisco Bay was turned into a tented screening room. The event, launching the summer run of Disney's *The Rock* in the face of stiff competition from other studios, brought new meaning to the term captive audience.

It also completed a strange

transformation for the dread-

ed Alcatraz, which once held

America's worst criminals

J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI di-

rector, liked to say that "even

dead men leave the Rock in

handcuffs".

The bleak island is now San

Francisco's most popular touris-

t attraction and a trendy

corporate hospitality venue. A

local banking executive recent-

ly spent \$100,000 (£65,000) to

host a dinner on Alcatraz. The

Walt Disney Company spent

much more than that converting

the island into a cinema, but earned much-needed

headlines in the process.

Rival studios have already

set a furious pace in the

seasonal dash for box-office

supremacy. *Twister* (Warner Bros/Universal) and *Mission Impossible* (Paramount) have

each taken more than \$100

million in their first few days.

*The Rock* may yet surpass

both, thanks to good reviews,

especially for Connery's co-

star, Nicolas Cage, who won

this year's Best Actor Oscar.

In another Hollywood dra-

genre in which Hollywood still leads the world: whole-some action adventures with no holds barred and preferably no kissing.

Even as American audiences sit enthralled by the special effects of *Twister* and Tom Cruise's *Mission Impossible*, both among the sixth-fastest films of all time to break the \$100 million barrier at the box office, they are embracing themselves for more of the same.

Castle Rock Pictures is

therefore trying to persuade

test audiences that *Striptease*, for which Ms Moore was paid \$12 million (£7.7 million), is nothing like it. But viewers are reportedly failing to laugh when they find the film is now being billed as a comedy.

Other studios have taken

note. They hope to recoup the losses of a dismal spring by

staking everything on the one

genre in which Hollywood

still leads the world: whole-

some action adventures with

no holds barred and prefer-

ably no kissing.

American audiences sit enthrall-

ed by the special effects of

*Twister* and Tom Cruise's *Mis-*

*tion Impossible*.

Both films are among the sixth-

fastest films of all time to

break the \$100 million barrier

at the box office, they are

embracing themselves for more

of the same.

With hardly a weekend's

pause, they are already

turning to the next big

film, *Die Hard With a Vengeance*.

It is the third in a series of

action thrillers starring Bruce

Willis, and it is set to open

on June 14.



Nicolas Cage, left, and Sean Connery in *The Rock*

FRANCE and Germany agreed to work on a document outlining joint defence policy at yesterday's Franco-German summit in Dijon, as President Chirac and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, sought to inject new warmth into the alliance following an unusually turbulent period.

In another signal of solidar-

y, they announced that they

would hold an additional

"friendly working session"

in Paris this morning after flying

back from the summit together last night.

At their last meeting in

Bonn on May 10, the two

leaders informally agreed to

hold meetings every six weeks.

The summits of the European

Union and the Group of Seven

leading industrialised nations

this month are expected to top

the agenda in today's talks

Tasteless' performance denounced as teacher is suspended over Holocaust question

# French swimmers banned from Nazi routine at Olympics

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

**THE French Government yesterday banned the national synchronised swimming team from performing a programme depicting the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust at next month's Olympic Games in Atlanta.**

The team's plan to have swimmers goose-step into the Olympic pool before performing a four-minute programme representing Jews being selected for the gas chambers at Auschwitz provoked a storm of protest from Jewish and anti-racist groups in France.

Guy Drut, the Sports Minister, stepped in last night and ordered the team to "remove any allusions to the tragedy of the Holocaust" since the planned routine contained messages which could be misinterpreted.

In a separate but related row yesterday, the French Education Ministry suspended a school chemistry teacher who set a test question requiring pupils to calculate the amount of poison gas needed to kill Jewish victims of Nazi genocide.

The two unconnected events had both been condemned as offensive and tasteless by anti-racist and Jewish groups who say that the mass murder of Jews during the Second World

Hong Kong: Adrian de Almeida, 18, a Cantonese schoolboy, yesterday apologised to Hong Kong's Jewish community for any offence caused by his sale of Nazi memorabilia in his city centre shop (Tom Walker writes). He said he wanted only to do competitive business, not spread the idea of Nazism.

War is being trivialised in France, thus promoting racism and encouraging "revisionist" history.

Several spectators objected to early viewings of the swimmers' performance although referees did not. Francis Luyce, the head of the French Swimming Federation, said: But he acknowledged: "We took a chance."

Jean Shulman, a chemistry teacher at a school in the Paris suburb of Maurepas, was suspended for using the Holocaust as the basis for a test question for pupils aged 14 and 15. "Hitler killed Jews by locking them in lorries with exhaust fumes fed inside," Mme Shulman's test said. "With a truck volume of 50 cubic metres, what volume of carbon monoxide does it take

to reach the fatal ratio of five per 1,000? If people took, on average, 20 minutes to die, what volume of carbon monoxide did the engine produce per hour?"

The teacher and the coach of the French synchronised swimming team defended their actions in similar ways, by claiming they were condemning rather than condoning the Holocaust.

Mme Shulman, who is married to a Jew and plans to write a book on the deportation of Jews, said that her test was intended to "denounce the Holocaust and not let it be forgotten", while Odile Perit, the Olympic coach, was quoted as saying: "Our message is an appeal to fight racism."

Jean-Paul Cléménçon, technical director of the French Swimming Federation, said he was shocked by the reaction and insisted that the performance was intended to represent "the struggle against exclusion and intolerance".

Didier Deloris, headmaster of the Sept-Males school in Maurepas, said he was "stupified and enraged" that one of his staff had required pupils to make such a grotesque calculation. François Bayrou, the Education Minister, con-

demned the test as "intolerable" and said that Mme Shulman would face disciplinary action.

"There are facts which we cannot speak about in a banal way, which belong to the memory of humanity and which must be respected as sacred," the minister said.

The Holocaust motif adopted by the French Olympic synchronised swimming team

had provoked equal fury. "The choice of theme is completely ridiculous and out of place in a sporting event," the Council of Jewish Institutions in France insisted that treating the murder of Jews as little more than a quiz question was "abominable, immoral and unacceptable".

"How can one still call oneself a teacher while damaging the conscience of young adolescents in this way?" the group demanded.

In New York, a spokesman for the World Jewish Congress said: "This terrible and tragic

period of history has to be dealt with utmost sensitivity", but added: "I believe the intentions of the swimmers are good."

The uproar follows the controversy surrounding Abbé Pierre, the French priest widely condemned for supporting a book by revisionist historian Roger Garaudy which claims the Holocaust has been exaggerated. Abbé Pierre, who

helped to smuggle Jews out of occupied France, has refused to retract his defence of the book, titled *The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics*.

The 83-year-old priest, hitherto consistently voted France's most popular man, is currently "on retreat" in Switzerland. Last week he claimed he was the victim of the media and "the international Zionist lobby".



Members of the French synchronised swimming team performing earlier this year at the national championships in Amiens

## Seoul fury as Tokyo MP denies war 'sex slavery'

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

**SOUTH Koreans reacted furiously yesterday to a hardline Japanese politician's claim that Asian women were not forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese Imperial Army, but served in military brothels of their own free will as a "commercial activity".**

The claim by Seisuke Okuno, a member of parliament's lower house and former Education Minister, that Japan did no wrong unleashed protests in Seoul, and reinforced Koreans' misgivings about a plan to co-host the World Cup in 2002 with their historical oppressor.

Women gathered outside the Japanese Embassy in Seoul to denounce Mr Okuno's remarks as deeply offensive to the thousands of women coerced into sexual servitude by the Japanese military before and during the Second World War and to reiterate demands that Tokyo make amends to survivors.

"A sincere apology and compensation based on international law should be made to the comfort women if the 2002 World Cup finals are to be co-hosted successfully by Japan and South Korea," said a statement handed out by the protesters, who belong to the Korean Council for Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan. Several Korean newspapers con-

demned Mr Okuno for implying that women volunteered as prostitutes for gain.

Historians say as many as 200,000 women, mostly Korean, were rounded up to serve as sex slaves to the Japanese army as it marched through China and South-East Asia. In 1993 Japan officially acknowledged its involvement in military sexual slavery. But Mr

Okuno, 82, is one of a growing number of influential conservatives in politics and business trying to "beautify" Japan's image by denying women were coerced into brothels and rebutting atrocities by troops.

On Tuesday, Mr Okuno launched the League to Achieve a Bright Japan comprising 116 backbenchers of the dominant Liberal Democratic Party who want Japan to stop apologising for supposed aggression before and



Ndungane spent four years on Robben Island

**Japan's forces may have given transport for comfort women, but did not force them to go**

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

A BLACK cleric who spent four years as a political prisoner on Robben Island, the jail where Nelson Mandela was held for most of his imprisonment, is to succeed Archbishop Desmond Tutu as Primate of South Africa's Cape Town diocese and head of the Anglican Church - the Church of the Province.

Ndungane, 56, the Bishop of Kimberley and Kuruman, will succeed Archbishop Tutu, 64, who is due to retire at the end of September after ten turbulent years.

Bishop Ndungane has been chosen by an elective assembly of senior clerics and church representatives after a two-day secret conclave in Cape Town. His closest rival was Duncan Buchanan, the Bishop of Johannesburg, but the result of the ballot, in which the successful candidate had to win two-thirds of the 575 votes, was not disclosed.

Like Archbishop Tutu, Bishop Ndungane favours the growing incorporation of African traditional practice, such as dancing and singing, into church ritual and the ordination of women.

The bishop was a member of the Pan Africanist Congress when he was imprisoned in 1963 for furthering the objectives of a banned organisation.

Yesterday he said he received his calling to God "while doing my national service on the island". He said, however, that he had no contact with Mr Mandela who "was a VIP prisoner".

Archbishop Tutu was appointed to his post in 1986 after serving as Bishop of Johannesburg and secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

He identified strongly with the people of Soweto, the sprawling black township outside Johannesburg where he grew up, and adopted the role of a political priest during the worst and most violent years of apartheid.

## Burma steps up attack on opposition

FROM REUTER IN RANGOON

**BURMA'S military Government broadened its attacks on Aung San Suu Kyi, the democracy leader yesterday with a newspaper commentary saying that she could not be trusted to be a leader because she has a British husband.**

Referring to Daw Suu Kyi as the "puppet princess", a commentary in the state-run *New Light of Myanmar* (Burma), said the 1991 Nobel Peace laureate could not be trusted to keep state secrets if she were to become the country's leader.

"Will the wife not let her husband know in the least matters that are connected with the affairs of the State?" asked the

article, which was written under the pen name "Patriot".

The commentary said: "In scrutinising the matter of safeguarding the country from dangers and from the point of view of security of the state, it is quite obvious that she cannot be trusted in the least." Burma's official media are seen as the mouthpiece of the Rangoon military regime, the State Law and Order Restoration Council.

Daw Suu Kyi has repeatedly been attacked verbally for her marriage to Michael Aris, an Oxford academic. The junta says that she is not a true Burmese because she lived abroad for many years and married a foreigner.

Over the past two weeks, Burma has stepped up its propaganda against foreign interference in the country, calling Daw Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy party the stooges of imperialists. On Tuesday, the *New Light of Myanmar* carried a veiled warning that the party might be outlawed, and attacked the group's recent plan to draft a constitution.

The party angered the country's rulers in November when it pulled out of a government-controlled convention drafting the guidelines of a constitution.

Burma has been ruled by the military since a 1962 coup. The country's last constitution was revoked in 1988 when the military suppressed a democracy uprising.

**Direct Line can help make your savings grow.**

	£1,000- £2,499	£2,500- £4,999	£5,000- £9,999	£10,000- £14,999	£15,000- £24,999	£25,000- £49,999
Direct Line Instant Access Account	4.60%	4.60%	5.00%	5.60%	5.80%	6.00%
Woolwich Premier 90 (90 Day Notice)	N/A	N/A	3.50%	4.15%	4.15%	5.00%
Yorkshire Building Society Key 90 Plus	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.20%	4.20%	4.65%
Halifax Solid Gold (90 Day Notice)	3.05%	3.05%	3.35%	4.10%	4.10%	4.60%

All rates are gross\* and correct at 28/5/96

Are your savings growing too slowly? Then you should be saving with Direct Line. Take a look at the table and you'll see that our rates are higher than these building society 90 day accounts. What's more, with Direct Line you don't have to give 90 days notice because we offer instant access. So if you want more money for your money you know who to call.

0181 667 1121

0161 833 1121

0141 221 1121

LONDON

MANCHESTER

GLASGOW

CALL ANYTIME 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm Saturday. Please quote ref. TT24



DIRECT LINE

SAVINGS

### ARRANGE YOUR OWN HEAT AMONG FRIENDS

You do not need to belong to a bridge club to take part in this exciting new event. Nor is it necessary to have had a regular playing partner. The Challenge was created to accommodate players of all types and ability levels, specifically including the purely social.

To take part simply gather together a group of twenty or more like-minded players and stage your own qualifying heat. Qualifiers need not worry about being out of their depth at the area final, or beyond, since there are three categories for non-experts.

There is an organiser's pack that explains just how to stage a heat, but the event organisers will be pleased to give further assistance if required.

FOR A PACK OR FURTHER DETAILS  
CALL 0181-942 9506

OR WRITE TO:

The Times Midland Private Banking,  
National Bridge Challenge,  
Britannic Building, Beverley Way,  
New Malden, Surrey KT3 4PH  
or fax to 0181-942 9569



Member HSBC Group

IN SUPPORT OF

THE NATIONAL TRUST  
Reg. Charity No. 205846

Safeguards provided by Direct Line Financial Services Limited, 250 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5SH, a member of the Deposit Protection Scheme established under the Banking Act 1987 (as amended). Payment terms and scheme are subject to 95% of a depositor's total deposits subject to a maximum payment to any one depositor of £10,000 (or EC10,000 if greater). Further details of the Scheme are available on request. \*The gross rate is the rate paid without the deduction of Income Tax. All rates shown are subject to variation and are based on annual payment of interest. For your added security, all telephone calls will be recorded and the recording kept secure. We may also monitor telephone calls with the aim of improving our service to you. Direct Line and the red telephone on wheels are the trade marks of Direct Line Insurance plc and used with the permission of Direct Line Insurance plc.

# 'I don't want to be deaf, mummy'

Lord Ashley has been criticised for supporting ear implants for deaf children. Win Blackmore tells why she is fully behind his campaign

**M**y daughter Siân is deaf. She is seven. A feisty gromlin with wild black hair, scowling eyes and a pair of tiny translucent ears that really do look shell-like and are amazingly, preposterously, useless.

She was two when we discovered she was deaf, two when she wore her first hearing aid; your basic beige contraptions that look enormous hooked over those dainty, useless ears. We had to sit on her to get her to wear them then: one of us wrestling with her as she thrashed about on the floor, the other attempting to thread the hearing aids into the moving target.

Now she puts them in herself. She calls them her "ears" and in a way they are. She knows better than anybody else that they are her link to the outside world. The hearing world in which she lives, and, like it or not, in which she must inevitably make her way. Unlike Lord Ashley of Stoke, Siân's hearing damage is neural. She would not benefit from a cochlear implant, though when I mentioned such a thing to her — an operation that could, perhaps, make deaf children hear again — her face brightened in wonder at the thought.

I explained to her, gently, that hers is not the sort of deafness that could be helped by this sort of miracle cure. She explained to me, in the snug and superior way that only seven-year-old girls can adopt, that she knew this already. The doctor had pointed it out on the wall chart one day, she said: her problem lies somewhere behind "that thing that looks like a giant snail". Even so, I could see the flicker of hope in her eyes.

I told her that some people — some deaf people — are unsure about this operation. They worry

about what it will do to them, to their deaf children, to their deaf world. They think deaf people are part of a separate culture, and they want to be left alone with their silence, not bothered by meddling hearing busybodies — or meddling deafened busybodies like Lord Ashley — proffering help they neither want, nor need.

Unbidden, my daughter sat up in bed, pyjamas askew, eyes suddenly full of tears, answering the question I was too afraid to put to her. "I don't want to be deaf, mummy," she said. "I don't want to be deaf."

I don't want my daughter to be deaf either. Being able to hear is not

some optional extra like a sunroof on a new car. I believe God

meant us to have five senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. Four out of five can never be good enough.

My daughter is disabled. I do not like to say it. I do not like, particularly, to think about it. I do not dwell on it, not

because I am a saint, but because it

is easy to forget, with Siân, that it is so. But it is so. Her deafness is not some interesting character at work. It is not a membership card to some special silent sub-culture. It is a loss. An absence.

**I**t is a risk to her safety every time she walks along a busy street. It's a barricade to a world of beautiful things, such as music, which the rest of us take for granted. It is not. I can assure you — speaking as one who hauls from a family larded with Welsh people — the slightest bit like being Welsh.

The people who say this are trying, I think, to escape the restrictions the hearing world has imposed on them. See, they say, nothing wrong with us. We have our own language, our own culture, our own heritage. It's you

who has the problem. But by seeking to escape the restrictions of the hearing world in this way — by opting out of the game and starting their own — they are creating a whole new set of restrictions for themselves, and their children. In their game, they are normal, but the world as a whole plays by a different set of rules, and that is a game I want my daughter to play.

With the advice from her teachers for the deaf, we made a decision to move Siân from a special hearing unit to her neighbourhood school three years ago. It was, we felt — feel — the right thing to do. The right thing, not the easy thing. Equipped with her own version of the bionic ear — hearing aids and the cumbersome but necessary radio aid ("I hate this damn thing," she mutters each morning as I clip the device round



A deaf child learns sign language at school: Win Blackmore has promised her daughter Siân that they will learn together. Another adventure

**'Being able to hear is not some optional extra like a sunroof on a new car. God meant us to have five senses'**

her waist) she plays the game. I remember talking to her teachers, hearing about her successes in the classroom and her bewildering, heartbreaking, isolation on the playground. How she spent playtime after playtime sitting alone on the wall, watching the other children.

All that laughing, all that shout-

ing, all that noise so confusing for a small person whose hearing aids are distressingly non-discriminating. "I'm miserable on the playground," she confided once. "I know I'm not very nice sometimes, but nobody wants to play my games. And I can't play their games, because they're always whispering."

I remember watching her at her first school play: standing at the front of the hall singing *Oats and Beans and Barley Grow* wearing an enormous grin with her hearing aids flopping out at right angles from each side of her head, helped forward by the twisted leads of her radio aid.

It is not the perfect system. Sometimes the transmitter parts of the radio aids get lost in the shuffle of a busy school day, sometimes there are accidents; leads get tangled and broken, antennae

**'Nobody wants to play my games. And I can't play their games, because they're always whispering'**

drop off and are never seen again. But it is working. My daughter speaks well. Not perfectly, but so well I'd never guess that with her hearing aids removed I have to press my lips against her right ear — her "good ear" — and below to make myself understood. She does not sign, though she is keen to learn. So am I. I have promised

her that we will learn together. Another adventure.

One of those who criticised Lord Ashley this week was a deaf father of three deaf children. "If you were black, you wouldn't have an operation to make you white," he said, admonishing the man who opted to escape his silent world by surgery. The angry statement made me stop and think. Is it offensive to black people? Probably. And deaf people? Possibly. Definitely offensive to Lord Ashley. And yet I have to say that given a choice — a fairy godmother sort of wish with strings attached — I would rather my daughter was black and hearing, than white and deaf.

That way, when I whispered in her ear at night I love you, she would hear me.

• The author is Women's editor of the Evening Argus, Brighton.

□ Improving the diagnosis of ovarian cancer □ Air passengers' pointless act □ HRT gives radiologists problems

## Modified blood test finds the tumour

WHEN Theresa retired from the Civil Service in her late fifties she hoped for a long and peaceful retirement and that her life, spent travelling the world, would be disturbed only by the ghost who shared her West Country cottage. She had already survived cancer of the breast, and had had no recurrence following a mastectomy several years earlier.

The dream of a long retirement was shattered, however, when she had a routine check at her breast clinic. Because of the association between breast and ovarian cancer, she underwent an ultrasound examination of her pelvis which showed she already had a large ovarian tumour. *General Practitioner* magazine reports that Dr Ian Jacobs of St Bartholomew's Hospital recently presented data to the American Society of Clinical Oncologists which has demonstrated a refinement in the testing for the tumour markers CA125 and OVX which are useful in revealing cancer of the ovary during medical screening.

More than 80 per cent of women who have malignant ovarian disease have a raised level of these antigens in the blood, but the standard test used at present shows that only one in 50 of those who have this raised level has the disease. The tumour marker test as modified by Dr Jacobs reduces this high false positive rate; with his test, 7 in 50 who are positive to it

have the malignancy. The diagnosis of cancer by detecting antigen blood markers in the blood is still in its infancy, but Dr Jacobs' work represents an advance.

Cancer of the ovary affects about ten women in every hundred thousand each year; it is the most common cause of death from a gynaecological tumour and about one woman in a hundred dies from it. Women at particular risk are those who have not had any children, have a family history of it, or have had breast or colorectal cancer.

A review by Dr Neelan Sidiqui, a medical oncologist in Newcastle, in *GP* magazine

shows Theresa's case was typical for she had no children, she had developed the cancer at the most dangerous age — the average age of onset is 55 — and she had never taken the pill.

The contraceptive pill cuts the incidence of cancer of the ovary by at least 30 per cent.

As in Theresa's case, the disease is often first diagnosed by chance when a tumour in the pelvis is noticed either during physical examination or by abdominal or intra-vaginal ultrasound. If diagnosis is delayed the patient has usually consulted her doctor because of abdominal distension and discomfort, bladder symptoms, weight loss, cough or breathlessness. Treatment has improved but early diagnosis still offers the best hope of recovery.

### HRT and breast cancer

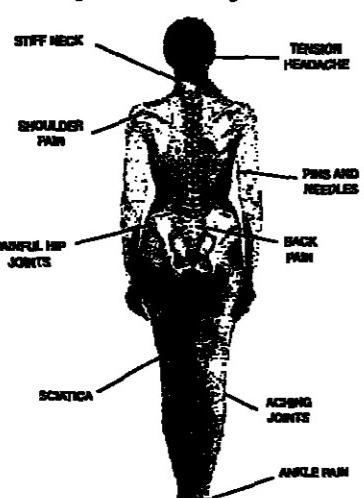
A recent report in the journal of the National Cancer Institute has drawn attention to the difficulties of diagnosing breast cancer by mammography when the woman is taking HRT. In Britain too, it seems, radiologists aren't always informed that a woman is on HRT.

The best results in breast screening are obtained when the standard of films taken is high, the radiologists are expert in their interpretation,

and when comparison with films taken at previous screening sessions is possible.

## Back Pain? Painful Sleep?

Your sleeping posture is more important than you think.



The Tempur Mattress and Pillow are recommended by more than 15,000 medical professionals.

Ask your Physiotherapist Chiropractor or Osteopath.

Please send me details on the Tempur Mattress & Pillow.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send coupon to Tempur - Pefco (UK) Ltd FREEPOST (HA 4033) Greatwood, Middlesex UB6 8RQ or call 0800 616 135



THE rejection of Michaela Leyland as a travelling companion by a plane full of returning holidaymakers because she has suffered from meningitis while in Majorca was not only brutal, but also displayed

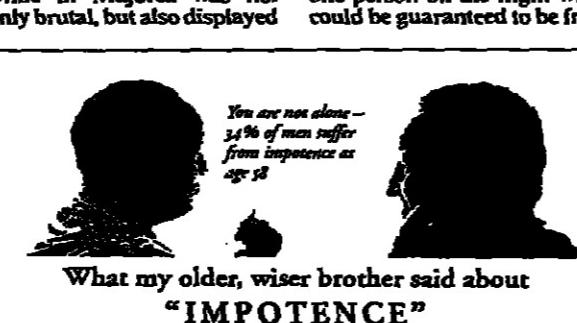
### Brutal act of ignorance

a gross ignorance of the life history and spread of meningococcal bacteria.

Michaela was probably the one person on the flight who could be guaranteed to be free

of meningococci. One in ten people have the bacteria living in their throats and noses although they are perfectly well, but the very first penicillin jab given to Michaela, when she fell ill, would have cleared her body of the bacteria. Michaela's very distressing and potentially lethal symptoms of meningitis were as a result of toxins released by the bacteria which are not, of course, neutralised by the antibiotic.

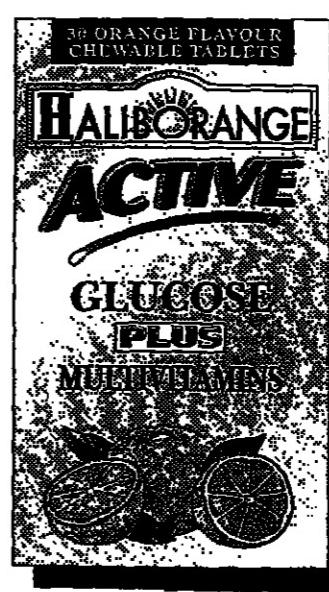
Aircraft air conditioning filters out bacteria, but not viruses. Hence the colds from which airline passengers suffer after they have reached their destination. Coughing can spread bacteria to fellow passengers sitting nearby and there is increasing evidence that TB is transmitted in this way. If there are any empty seats it might be as well to move away from a thin, cachectic passenger who is coughing loudly, but there can be no medical excuse for banning poor Michaela.



PEOPLE who suffer from impotence feel fed up. Just thinking about it makes it worse. And many prescribed drugs have adverse effects. But there are qualified people who now specialise in

treatment. I found them, he said, at The Medical Centre in Weymouth Street, London W1N 3FA. Call them on 0171 637 2018, now!

## Energize



New, deliciously crunchy, orange-flavoured Haliborange Active glucose plus multivitamin tablets are ideal for everyone who takes fitness seriously. Glucose is especially important before or after

FOR ALL GOOD SPORTS



JAGUAR OWNERS £16  
Cost Schemes for Jag  
0117 929 4971 NO  
0345 123 111  
Over 250 Branches

Over field  
Over m  
Under



Inside the glass menagerie: public transport might be more eco-friendly, but the film star Sean Bean prefers to peer out at the world from his limousine

## Driven to be in a world of their own

**S**ir Owen Green spent 30 years sitting in the back of an air-conditioned limousine, watching a silent world through tinted windows. But when he retired three years ago as chairman of BTR, the old company, he had to surrender his company driver and get behind the wheel himself.

After a few weeks of fuming traffic jams on the M25, he began to question whether driving a car was worth the effort. Now he is a wholehearted convert to public transport.

"You come in contact with ordinary people again," he says, "and if you are the sort of person who picks up the vibes, then you really get a grip on what's going on. It's been quite revelation."

"We hardly have any local transport in Surrey, so I have to use my car, but I take the train whenever I can and in London I go by Tube. It's more convenient than the car and I enjoy it. I went to Victoria station and I was amazed. I hadn't been there for 15 years and there were escalators, marbled floors and everything looked clean."

**J**ulia Llewellyn Smith on why those who are chauffeured from place to place are in danger of losing touch with what is going on in real life

In

company cars? "Maybe," he concedes.

"I'm fortunate because I'm retired and I don't have to travel in the rush-hour, so I don't see the system at its worst. But on the Underground, of course, every hour is rush-hour and I don't mind standing."

**I**solation attracts us to cars and that seems unlikely to change — it is in this feeling that danger lies

**S**ir Owen is in a minority. According to Dr Peter Marsh, a social psychologist, most people love their vehicles precisely because they keep the common herd at bay. "Isolation is what attracts us to cars and that seems unlikely to change," he says. "Being behind a wheel makes you feel in control of your destiny: you make your own decisions, you play your own music and you feel omnipotent."

It is in this feeling of seclusion that danger lies. "Being detached from the outside world is the main cause of road rage," Dr Marsh says. "There is a territorial aspect to a car and any slight to it makes you very aggressive."

At Westminster, any politically-correct MP will waste

disposal, but says he has not used it for "wanks", preferring to speed about town on his bicycle.

"My cycling informs my job 100 per cent," he says. "You see things on a bicycle that you would never see in a car and you have contacts with the most unlikely people. You wouldn't believe how many insightful conversations I've had with dispatch riders."

Paula Whitney, a 56-year-old grandmother, was a slave to the car for more than 30 years. Then, two years ago, her little blue Metro broke down and she decided to give up driving for ever.

"I've never regretted it," she says. "I had been worrying about the environment for a long time, but I had never contemplated giving up my car. Then I started catching the bus and grew to love it."

The poor dears cannot, apparently, cope with the sartorial stress of having to take their bicycle clips on and off.

A long list of B-list celebs, from Michael Strahan to Anne Friel, who played Beth in *Brookside*, have put their names to the Friends of the Earth "Fuming Mad" campaign to discourage the use of cars — yet they can regularly be seen tripping out of stretched limos at premieres. "Just because they are supporting us, it doesn't necessarily mean they don't drive," an FoE spokesman says.

The great and the good who can be regularly spotted using public transport include Bamber Gascoigne, who has been seen strap-hanging on the Piccadilly Line, while an surprises here — Emma Thompson takes every opportunity to share the horrors of the Northern Line with the plebs, all the while trying unsuccessfully to hide behind a copy of *The Guardian*.

Jon Snow, the Channel 4 presenter, has a limousine and driver permanently at his

service. "We're a bit out in the sticks here, so you need a car," explains a spokesman.

And we are yet to see that

friend of the plants the Prince of Wales — who once sent his limousine to pick up his organic vegetables — jostling with commuters on the station at Windsor.

**JAGUAR OWNERS** COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE FROM £165

Low Cost Schemes for Jaguars  
Tel: 0117 929 4971 NOW!  
or Phone your Nearest Branch at the Local Rate on  
0345 123111

Hill House Hammond  
Over 250 Branches Nationwide

# Over fields. Over rocks. Over mountains. Under £10,500.

The Daihatsu Sportrak; 16v 1.6 litre engine, high and low ratio gearbox, selectable 4WD and power steering, all covered by a 3 year unlimited mileage warranty. At just £10,497 on the road you'll be able to get over everything except the price.

NO-NONSENSE VEHICLES FROM JAPAN.

£10,497 ON THE ROAD INCLUDES VAT DELIVERY NUMBER PLATES AT £425 INC. VAT, AND SIX MONTHS' ROAD RUND LICENCE AT £77



For more information on the Sportrak range  
Freephone 0800 521 700, or send this coupon to  
Daihatsu Information Services, FREEPOST 506,  
Sandwich, Kent CT13 9BR.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
TICK IF UNDER 18  CURRENT VEHICLE \_\_\_\_\_  
MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

**DAIHATSU**  
**S P O R T R A K**

## How El Tel finally fell from grace

Giles Coren on the day that the halo slipped from the saviour of England's national game

**T**he thin veneer of respectability on "the saviour of English football" has finally cracked. Terry Venables's appearances on television this week have borne all the trademarks of insecurity, delusion and neurosis that beset fallen idols.

For years he was untouchable, doing everything right. At least on the surface. He represented England at every level from schoolboy to manager, led small clubs to great things, managed Tottenham and Barcelona, even wrote novels and opened a night club, Scribes West, in Kensington.

And it was all a sop to the press. Scribes, indeed, became a hangout for the *Daily Mail* hacks who, like all but a very few football writers, have given Venables such unquestioning support.

His business dealings have been the subject of sports page jokery, rather than true suspicion. Allegations of favouritism have always petered away, despite the unarguable fact that he has filled his team with the former Spurs players he once nurtured.

For Venables is the most litigious man in sport. Even his partiality for players represented by the agent Eric Hall, a close friend, has gone barely remarked upon in the press.

While many expressed private reservations about the appointment of an England manager with so many court cases hanging over him, the sports pages have chosen, with unique restraint, to class him innocent until proven guilty.

For there is no room for ambiguity in football, or football journalism. Lineker, Keegan and Hoddle are good. Vinny Jones, Graham Taylor and the Germans are bad. Taylor was vilified per-

sonally because he advocated "route one" football. Venables plays a passing game which is "good", therefore he is "good".

It is no exaggeration, within the simplicity of the football equation, to say that if Norman Lamont had propped up a system of three central defenders playing behind a midfield built around Paul Gascoigne, he would still be Chancellor.



Terry Venables: litigious

his very status as working-class hero cum cockney rebel that has secured his reverence in the media. He clearly perceives it as an ethic of two halves.

Then there were his demands for "proof" — the last resort of the declining hero: "Have you got any proof? Have you got any photographs? Let me see them."

Sound familiar? In tragic pentameters it might look something like this:

"Villain, be sure thou prove my love a whore.  
Be sure of it. Give me the ocular proof..."

Thus spoke Othello at the very moment his fall was assured. All the good work, the triumphant campaigns, and the hard-earned reputation were as nothing. Pitiful Desdemona Lynn.

Venables will not have to follow Othello all the way to his tragic end, however, for he surprisingly fell on his sword even before Euro 96 got under way — citing the imminent court appearances that by no means prevented him accepting the job in the first place. At any rate, he is beginning to act like a man with nothing to lose.

But in the coming weeks, as Euro 96 colonises our screens, Venables will be answering to more than just the football crazy. Never mind that he stood by his players when they misbehaved; people will point out that he has made the team in his own image. That the Robbie Fowlers, the Steve McManamins and the Gazza's are simply yobs that fit with Venables's post-*Loaded* notion of a Lads XI. Fowler and McManaman, indeed, have learnt further lessons from their boss, and initiated legal proceedings over the *Catfish* affair.

Which of them would you bet on for England manager in 2020?

## New digital Nokia. 100 hours of power!

**NOKIA** NEW GSM MODEL 1610.

- ◆ Up to 100 hrs standby-time
- ◆ Up to 3.5 hrs talk-time
- ◆ 45 name/number memory stored on SIM
- ◆ Fast recharge-55 mins
- ◆ 5 selectable ring tones
- ◆ Weight 250g



What Cellphone EXCELLENCE

FREE 50 MINUTES PER MONTH CALLS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

- NEW GENERATION DIGITAL NOKIA - replaces the proven 2010 model
- ONE SECOND BILLING - you only pay for the airtime you use
- MORE POWER - up to 100 hours standby-time, up to 3.5 hours talk-time
- BEST COVERAGE - with digital cell clarity and security
- FREE ACCESSORIES - in-car adaptor and leather case together worth over £55

LIMITED OFFER £9.99 INC. VAT

GUARANTEED PEACE OF MIND Your phone is covered by our 14 days no quibble money back promise.

Cellphones direct

ORDER NOW WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD DETAILS FOR FREE DELIVERY IN 4 WORKING DAYS

FREPHONE 0800 000 888

CREDIT CARD ORDERING HOTLINE WEEKDAYS 8AM TO 7PM WEEKENDS 8AM TO 5PM

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CREDIT CARD AND THIS ADVERTISEMENT READY WHEN YOU CALL AND QUOTE REF. 007. QUOTED RATES ARE AVAILABLE BY ACCEPTING DIRECT PAYMENT

Offer subject to status and a standard airline contract for each phone with Cellphones Direct Ltd, 185 Lower Richmond Road, Richmond-upon-Thames TW9 4LN. Full written details and terms and conditions of this offer are available on request. © Copyright Registered No. 295222.

DAIHATSU SPORTRACK

# For Pacific tiger cubs, maths is fun

The Scots dominie is flourishing in China, says Magnus Linklater

**F**our times two is eight, four times three is twelve, four times four is sixteen. Sitting in rows behind our little wooden desks, we chanted our times tables in shrill voices, while Miss Pirie conducted us like a raged chamber orchestra. An uncertain diminuendo as we hit the difficult bits would be followed by a crescendo leading up to the triumphant finale: twelve times twelve is 144. This was primary school education as I remember it. Chris Woodhead would have been delighted.

Mr Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, is in despair about our maths teaching today. In the course of a gloomy interview on *Panorama* this week, he said that there are "significant problems" about the way it is taught in England (Scotland was, perhaps mercifully, excluded). A survey has shown that pupils at English primary schools are up to two years behind their contemporaries in parts of Europe and the Far East. They are particularly poor in basic arithmetic. Two decades of progressive teaching seems to have failed in one of its basic aims: pupils organised in small groups rather than whole classes receive less direct teaching time than they had before.

I wish I could direct Mr Woodhead to Miss Pirie's class at Nigg Primary School in the north of Scotland, because we learnt, I think, a great deal in those early years, and it stuck with us for life. But it has closed, and Miss Pirie, alas, is no longer with us. For as chanting in class, that was consigned to the educational waste-bin many years ago. But whole-class teaching is back in vogue. Mr Woodhead favours it. Gillian Shepherd, the Education Secretary, likes it and so does David Blunkett, her Labour shadow. Its most enthusiastic adherents, however, as *Panorama* showed, are on Asia's Pacific Rim, and it is perhaps there that we should seek some lessons for today.

To find out how it works, Malcolm Thyne, the headmaster of Fettes College in Edinburgh, and a colleague from Lomond School near Glasgow, went out last month to Guangdong in southern China. Fettes, which once had a tradition of exporting missionaries to China, has for sometime been taking pupils from South-East Asia, and Mr Thyne was struck by how often they outperform their British counterparts, particularly in maths and science. They arrive at Fettes more skilled and confident, and carry this advantage through to the end of their time at school, winning more A levels and university places.

At the Ying Hao school in Guangdong, Mr Thyne sat in on classes where sullen rows of primary school children learn tables by rote, committed sums to memory, and worked with an abacus rather than a calculator. Classes are large by British standards, many of them 40 or more, but they were easily controlled by just one teacher. No more time was spent on maths than any other subject, and there was

They recite tables, memorise sums, use the abacus

A nd yet there are useful lessons. One is that learning by rote, the absorbing of knowledge en masse, far from being a deadening experience, can be enjoyable, even stimulating. Another is that in the very young, of whatever nationality, there is a natural enthusiasm for learning (I was struck by evidence at the Dunblane inquiry which recalled how excited the children were at the simple prospect of beginning their daily gym class). And there is the confidence that a grounding in simple numeracy gives any child acting as a foundation for creativity, rather than muzzling it.

As a teacher himself, Mr Thyne came away from Guangdong with one final thought. He was struck by how relaxed the teachers were, even after an hour with a class of 40. It was, he thought, far less exhausting than trying to teach three or four individual groups in a class of 25. Size, it seems, is not everything.



"It's beef in our time..."

# Hillary loses the Post

Deserted by the media, the First Lady now looks likely to be indicted

T en days ago, before the convictions of Governor Jim Guy Tucker and the two McDougal brothers, the Whitewater affair was almost as much a press story as a political one. For four years there had been serious allegations against President Clinton, and solid evidence for those allegations, but most of the investigative reporting had been done outside the columns of the establishment press or the three network television news programmes. To know about the evidence, an ordinary American would have had to rely on the leader rather than the news column of *The Wall Street Journal*, on small-circulation magazines such as the *American Spectator*, on newsletters and the Internet, on the reporting of Christopher Ruddy in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, on Ambrose Evans-Pritchard's journalism in the *London Sunday Telegraph*, or on the interest that has been taken by *The Times* — of London, not of New York.

It was as though the American establishment press, which exposed President Nixon over Watergate, had decided to protect President Clinton over Whitewater, and over the mystery of Vincent Foster's death and the other scandals. The big press question has been whether the silence of the establishment media would continue after the convictions. Last Sunday, *The Washington Post* broke it. The paper published a series of linked articles, extending over four pages, reviewing Hillary Clinton's connection with the scandals. There is no doubt that these articles were thoroughly researched, using the Post's substantial resources, and they are damaging to Hillary Clinton. They were published the weekend after the convictions, but they must have been put in hand well before. If the convictions had not occurred, one may reasonably assume that *The Washington Post* would have decided not to publish, and the silence might have become permanent.

How damaging these articles are can best be judged from the Whitehouse reaction. Two lawyers on the Whitehouse staff who have been assigned to handle Whitewater-related matters, Jane Sherburne, special counsel to the President, and Mark Fabiani, associate special counsel to the President, were informed about the scope of the article and asked to offer responses to each of its eight main sections... Fabiani and Sherburne dismissed the main points of the article as trivial and disputable and accused *The Post* of following a partisan Republican agenda. Given

The Washington Post's past reluctance to give credence to the evidence of the Clinton scandals, that is a breathtaking piece of impertinence. The White House apparently believes that it is impartial for a newspaper to stay silent, but partisan to want to look at the evidence.

The Washington Post put headings on each of the sections, and these give something of the flavour of the article. "The Lawyer — The Billing Records — Sixty Hours — Brewers and Sewers — Dealing with Seth Ward — Getting Out — Full Disclosure". Each leaves questions for Hillary to answer. "Why and how did Hillary Clinton take on McDougal and Madison as her clients? Did Hillary see the [billing] records back in 1992 when questions were first raised about her legal work? If she did, why did she not release them to the public then — before they went missing — or at least summarise them in discussions with the press? Has she truly been committed to full disclosure? What role did she play, if any, in [the billings] disappearance and rediscovery? By whatever name, Castle Grande or IDC, what did Hillary Clinton actually do to the 30 hours of work the billing records show she did for Madison in connection with the property? What was Hillary Clinton's relationship with Ward?"

Janice Green was one of the Arkansas jurors in the trial which convicted Jim Guy Tucker and the McDougals. The trial was primarily concerned with the Castle Grande property transactions, which the jury found to be fraudulent. Whitewater itself, which was a separate partnership between the Clintons and the McDougals, relates to Castle Grande as a kind of baby syndicate. After the trial, Janice Green said to the Associated Press: "I think he [Clinton] and his wife had just as much to do with it." That is the implication of *The Washington Post*'s questions, as well as of the evidence at the trial itself.

Take for instance the events of February 28, 1996, the key date in the Whitehouse fraud. Seth Ward — who has not been charged — has been termed the "straw" buyer of properties for Madison, which under

the regulations Madison could not lawfully buy for itself. He is also the father-in-law of Webster Hubbell, the convict who was then a partner of Hillary Clinton in the Rose Law Firm. "The billing records also showed that she spent nearly an hour with Ward on February 28, 1996... In a complicated manoeuvre that day, Jim Guy Tucker, the future governor who was then practising law, bought the sewer system from Ward for \$1.2 million, fully financed by a Madison loan and \$150,000 from David Hale of Capital Management Services, Inc. At the same time, Hale netted \$500,000 from a Madison loan, which he used to leverage \$1.5 million from the Small Business Administration. Of that, \$300,000 went to Susan McDougal. Everyone involved benefited from these loan swaps."

The Washington Post continues: "That intricate transaction was an

important part of the trial that ended last week in the convictions of Tucker and the McDougals. Hale testified that his loan to Susan McDougal came only after Bill Clinton asked him to make it during a meeting at McDougal's Castle Grande sales trailer. Clinton has denied that allegation and repeated his denial under oath... Some of the money from the loan swaps — \$500,000 — ended up in the Whitewater development account jointly held by the Clintons and McDougals... When Hillary Clinton was asked what she was doing with Ward during their February 28, 1996 meeting, she told RTC lawyers: 'I do not recall what I did on that day.'"

Despite *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Post* is virtually the monopoly newspaper of Washington. Along with *The New York Times*, it tends to set the political agenda, even for the network news programmes. Its Washington sources are better than anyone else's. It is the only newspaper ever to have had an American President to resign. During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln compared the power of the London *Times* to that of the Mississippi River. *The Washington Post* has a

similar power in modern America to that of *The Times* in 19th-century Britain. For it to take the decision to expose Hillary Clinton's connection with Castle Grande is a political as well as a journalistic event.

My own view is that Hillary was, in effect, the lawyer to Bill's network, and that the really bad things of which the Madison/Castle Grande/Whitewater transactions are a minor part, came from the network and not the lawyer. She sometimes quotes a sad little nursery rhyme to explain how she sees her position. "As I was standing in the street / As quiet as could be, / A great big ugly man came up / And tied his horse to me." I have some sympathy for her position. As I was standing in the street / As quiet as could be, / A great big ugly man came up / And tied his horse to me.

I think she was a consenting adult in the Madison merry-go-round, but I think she probably did not foresee the implications of marrying into the Arkansas network of letting Bill Clinton tie his horse to her. Nevertheless, her fingerprints, metaphorically and literally, are on the documents. The indictments of Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor, are climbing up the network of the Madison conspiracy. Governor Tucker represents the higher slope, but Hillary Clinton is the ridge that leads to the summit. The President is the summit.

Both the information and the argument in *The Washington Post* article suggest that that newspaper, the supreme Washington insider, has come to believe that Hillary Clinton may be, and perhaps ought to be, indicted. At the very least, given its past caution, it would not have published what it did unless it thought an indictment possible. Yet that is an explosive political possibility. If Kenneth Starr does decide to indict the First Lady, he will only do so when he has completed the sentence bargaining process with Governor Tucker, who is seriously ill, and the McDougals. He will need more evidence than is yet public. *The Washington Post* evidence moves in that direction. If Hillary Clinton is indicted, it will presumably come after Bill has been renominated, but before the election in November; any trial itself would come after the election, presumably next year. Can the Democrats afford to nominate a President whose wife may be indicted during the campaign? If that happened, would the American public vote for him? No doubt many Democrats are looking with longing at the alternative of nominating their current Vice-President, Al Gore. But Bill Clinton is a risk-taker. It is not yet likely that the risk of Hillary being indicted will make him stand down.

**A tale of two viruses**  
Alf Morris on the forgotten haemophiliacs

**T**here is today a deep sense of injustice among people with haemophilia and their families. The tragic fate of three brothers explains why.

All three had haemophilia. Two — call them Bill and Tom — were infected with HIV by NHS treatment and died of AIDS-related illnesses. Their brother — call him Fred — was infected with the hepatitis "C" virus (HCV), also by NHS treatment, and died of liver failure. Bill and Tom received financial help from the Macfarlane Trust, funded by the Government, and were able to make some provision for their families. Fred went to his grave having been refused that help. He was unable to make any provision for the future well-being of his family.

All three brothers had become terminally ill and died from the same cause: contaminated NHS blood products. But Fred was denied the help given to Bill and Tom by a Government that provided £70 million for people infected with HIV, and set up the Macfarlane Trust to give them continuing support. The Government accepted its moral responsibility in the case of HIV infection. It has the same responsibility in the HCV cases.

It is argued that compensating those infected with HCV would take money away from patient care in the NHS. To say that is to bark not just up the wrong tree but in the wrong forest. For the payments made in the HIV cases, including those to the dependants of people who subsequently died because of AIDS, came from contingency monies, which is what the Haemophilia Society is asking for now for the HCV victims. The society simply wants the terms of reference of the Macfarlane Trust to be extended to include them.

**M**easured against the pain and suffering endured, the claim is an extremely modest one. Hepatitis "C" attacks the liver and is life-threatening. Current medical opinion is that up to 80 per cent of those infected develop chronic liver disease. Of these, some 20 per cent develop severe liver problems such as cirrhosis or liver cancer. More than 50 of those infected by contaminated NHS blood products have already died and the death rate is accelerating.

This further tragedy in the haemophilia community dates back to before 1986, when heat treatment was introduced to end the contamination of NHS blood products. But by then 3,100 people with haemophilia alone had been infected with hepatitis "C". In recognition of the scale of the problem, an all-party early day motion was tabled in the Commons in my name, urging parity of treatment for people infected with HIV or HCV. The motion now has more than 260 signatures, a majority of all MPs who are free to sign such motions. As the list shows, the issue is treated not as one of Right and Left, but of right and wrong.

To sustain the call for parity, the Haemophilia Society recently reported the findings of in-depth research into the problems and needs of people infected with HCV but not yet seriously ill. The report describes the impact of HCV on them and their families. It is a disturbing document. Families are described trying to cope with sickness, loss of income, loss of jobs and loss of independence, while having to live with what they know may soon prove a terminal illness.

**T**he most urgent need is for financial help to lessen the vice of reduced income and increased costs. More research is needed into treatment therapy and particularly into combination therapy. Other pressing needs are for a public education programme to explain the facts and dispel the myths about hepatitis "C", and for the funding of recombinant clotting factors to replace the plasma-derived products that caused both the HIV and HCV infections. Recombinant products are free from the risk of blood-borne viruses, ensuring that further disasters do not befall the haemophilia community.

In none of the campaigns I have been closely involved in at Westminster over the years (among them Thalidomide; campaigns for the deaf-blind and for children with dyslexia and autism; for war widows, the elderly people duped by Barlow Clowes, and haemophiliacs infected with HIV) have I had so strong a sense that no campaign should be necessary to right such an obvious wrong. The Government knows we are right, and that our campaign is entirely free from party animus. It knows, too, that if given the nod by ministers, the Commons could settle the issue within an hour.

This week we embark on the final lap of this Parliament's last full session. The Government's legislative programme is gossamer thin. Parliamentary time could unquestionably be found. If ministers fail to act, and the campaign has to go on, then go on it will.

**The author is Labour MP for Manchester (Wythenshawe) and was the first Minister for Disabled People.**

# Turn over

**TURTLE** trouble is blighting London Zoo, where three of the creatures are being expelled for excessive sexual activity. The Hawksbill turtles, which arrived at the zoo in the 1980s as babies, are being sent to Seaworld in Florida because exhausted zokeepers cannot cope with their antics.

Now that the turtles, two males and a female, have grown to a metre long, their 5,000 gallon tank cannot contain them. They swim a lot and the males are just starting to get sexually active," explains a weary Dr Heather Hall, curator of the aquarium and reptile house. "They are giving the female a hard time, chasing her round their cramped tank. She hasn't enough space to get away from them."

In their Florida paradise they will have a 70,000 gallon tank out in the sun. There will be plenty of deep pools and hideyholes, where the female can escape her fans.

They are flying out tomorrow morning via Paris in specially designed boxes. "They have to be kept very moist throughout," says Dr Hall. "I got some very funny looks in Sainsbury's when I came out

with eight tubs of Vaseline. But I would love to see their faces when they arrive in the sunshine."

• **Jack Straw's plans to impose a curfew on children under 10 may have had its origin in his own schooldays.** The boy who would be Home Secretary was clearly something of a goody-goody, and in the magazine for old boys of Brent-



*The last one was just too ambitious*

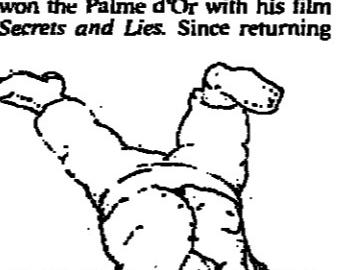
## Morris dance

**HUMOUR** is not a quality one readily associates with Edward Burne-Jones, the pre-Raphaelite artist. But a forthcoming sale at Christie's reveals him as a demon caricaturist, fond of sending up friends such as William Morris, socialist and wallpaper designer. Burne-Jones always seemed a rather stiff character, forever on best behaviour when with his for-

bidding wife Georgiana. The caricatures were his way of unwinding. Particularly fond of obese characters, he depicts Morris as a tubby sort turning cartwheels by moonlight. Other drawings show him crawling under a bed and sitting in his bath.

## Cannes do

**FOLLOWING** her trip to the Cannes Film Festival, Virginia Bottomley has grown very excited about the director Mike Leigh. The great British success of the festival, Leigh won the Palme d'Or with his film *Secrets and Lies*. Since returning



*Morris by Jones*

from the South of France, Mrs Bottomley is said to have been sending Leigh notes suggesting drink and lunch dates.

Her pretext is to discuss the future of the British film industry. Leigh is may not be so keen. His bearded, bearish, working-class heroism would look a little strange alongside Mrs Bottomley's manly Toryism.

• **Whatever other problems they may face in the Euro '96, the Dutch soccer squad will not be short of kit.** They arrive today with 900 pairs of shorts, 580 shirts, 550 pairs of socks, 140 athletic supports, 100 pairs of bootlaces and 100 tracksuits. The three goalkeepers alone are bringing 140 jerseys and 80 pairs of shorts.

## Scott reports

**KING** Juan Carlos of Spain has expressed regret for granting an interview to the BBC and Selina Scott three years ago. At the time of the interview, Spain's media went apoplectic, as they had never been offered similarly informal televised access to the King's life. Miss Scott's swimsuit a little too seductively. Here the majority of Spanish men were quite understanding.

In an interview published this

week in the Spanish magazine *Epoque*, the King says: "I made a mistake in giving Selina Scott an interview. It was not well understood in Spain." Except, of course, for one moment, when the Monarch seemed to be studying Miss Scott's swimsuit a little too seductively. Here the majority of Spanish men were quite understanding.

**P.H.S.**

*Selina Scott: admired by Juan who knows*

*weekend*

*times*

*times</*



## MITCHELL'S BURDEN

An IRA gun to the heads of anxious unionists

As the protracted disputes over precise titles and functions illustrate, events concerning all-party talks in Ulster remain delicately poised. George Mitchell, the former US Senator, will be given primary responsibility for those deliberations. A framework appears to have been established where progress towards demobilisation of arms will be required not at the outset of negotiations but when full-scale dialogue begins. The instant reaction of the IRA's army council yesterday was to refuse to relinquish a single weapon until after a peace agreement is reached. That alone rules the IRA, and hence Sinn Féin, totally out of the process.

This latest compromise between Mr Major and Mr Bruton has not been greeted with acclamation even by those groups committed to peaceful means. The Reverend Ian Paisley has characterised the Senator as "some sort of Pope", which, it is safe to assume coming from the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), was not meant as a compliment. More seriously, he charges him with being "a crony of Gerry Adams". Others such as David Trimble, while being more cautious in their language, remain distinctly cool about the work of the two governments.

Ian Paisley's attack is harsh. Senator Mitchell is a distinguished figure whose previous attempts to deal with the thorny matter of IRA armoury at least aimed for balance. The six principles which he laid down for all-party negotiations – belatedly and reluctantly endorsed by Sinn Féin and now apparently repudiated – were worthy ideals. He is not a nationalist stooge. The IRA, which knows that to cross him would lose its support in America, would rather he had no further part in this process. All friends of Ulster can only wish him and his counterparts good fortune on Monday.

Nevertheless, real unionist worries exist. And they appear justified. The way in which these arrangements have been constructed prompt real suspicion about the integrity of the whole enterprise. Three outstanding areas of dissatisfaction persist.

The first is that there is an obsession,

driven by Dublin, with the views and policy of the IRA; this implies that securing another ceasefire has a higher priority than the constitutional rights and wishes of a clear majority of Northern Ireland's citizens. The republican movement placed itself outside the legitimate theatre of political debate in February when it exploded the Docklands bomb. It is for them to choose to come back in, not for formulas to be stretched for them.

The second lies in the nature of the various committees and consultations, in particular the delegation of decommissioning to a specialist sub-unit. This design is supposed to set the issues of political structures and terrorist arsenals moving in parallel. Mr Trimble's belief that they might not have now been confirmed by the IRA itself – further reason to insist that the paramilitary dimension cannot be bottled up or quietly downgraded.

Finally, there is a disturbing ambiguity over the point at which weapons would begin to be surrendered in the now unlikely event of the IRA backtracking on yesterday's statement and reinstating the ceasefire, enabling Sinn Féin to become a player. Britain wanted a solid timetable that would make substantive discussion contingent on serious disarmament. That was and is the right position to take. Dublin seems to have succeeded in softening the linkage; but anything short of that allows the IRA to enter talks on a sale-or-return basis.

There is a wider concern which pervades all these other matters. The IRA announcement is a direct rebuff not only to London but to Senator Mitchell's own conditions on decommissioning. The impression grows that Downing Street and Dublin are losing control over events to the terrorists, while what is presented as a peace process slides into a submission schedule. The new format reaches the very edge of unacceptability for the mainstream majority in Ulster. The concessions made may already be too much for the DUP. Any further slippage will surely provoke the unionists to withdraw from Mr Mitchell's machinery. In such circumstances few could blame them.

## Britain's policies towards Europe

From Mr Tim Rathbone, MP for Lewes (Conservative)

Sir, The peculiar attitude of many scientists and governments to the so-called beef crisis deserves to be met by British pressures on European Union partners to help bring about a change of mind. But to extend that pressure through the programme of votes to include blocking the 1997 budget for the drugs unit of Europol really seems very peculiar and self-defeating.

Europol is an organisation designed specifically to help meet and overcome the continuing threat from organised crime, international fraud and drug trafficking. Britain has energetically led the campaign for tighter measures, and has supported Europol as essential to such efforts. So, to block this now is contrary to British policy and to the interests of the British people, especially our young.

To cut off your own nose to spite your face is pretty ridiculous; to harm future generations by such actions is indefensible. Let us hope that the Home Secretary will think again before pursuing this self-destructive negation of all other government efforts to tackle crime and drugs problems together.

Yours truly,  
TIM RATHBONE  
(Chairman, All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group),  
House of Commons.  
June 3.

From Mr Lyndon Harrison, MEP for Cheshire West and Wirral (Socialist Group (Labour))

Sir, It is excellent news that on Sunday Germany and Britain established a joint embassy building in Reykjavik. Foreign Ministers Malcolm Rifkind and Dr Werner Hoyer presided, demonstrating a cessation in Britain's absurd policy of non-cooperation with its EU partners.

Dr Hoyer commented that there is no reason why the EU member countries should be represented in third countries with up to 15 embassies plus a European Commission office. I agree and, indeed, go further. A single EU embassy would introduce enormous opportunities for efficiency, as well as giving a more effective voice for Britain and Europe in our diplomatic work.

Privately, ambassadors have agreed with me when I have visited British and EU embassies around the world. Now is the time to take this proposition seriously.

Yours etc.  
LYNDON HARRISON  
(Socialist spokesperson,  
Asian and Korean Delegation),  
Watergate Building,  
Crane Wharf, Chester.  
June 3.

From Lord Pearson of Rannoch

Sir, Mr Gerry Kiely, the European Commission's spokesman for agriculture, perpetuates typical Euro-propaganda when he says: "The EU is funding 70 per cent of the compensation for British farmers" (letter, June 3).

The Government confessed in the Lords on April 25 that "the European Union is indeed meeting 70 per cent of the cost of the programme which has been agreed to date. But we meet 71 per cent of that 70 per cent. Therefore, the net position is that we are paying 80 per cent and our partners from the European Union are paying 20 per cent."

European solidarity strikes again.

Yours faithfully,  
PEARSON OF RANNOCH,  
House of Lords.

From Mr Julian Gaer

Sir, Given the current deadlock over the export of and consumer confidence in British beef, it behoves the industry as a whole to adopt a more robust defence of its product than that undertaken so far.

Perhaps they should follow the example of their counterparts in northern Queensland, where car stickers bearing the following slogan are commonplace: "Eat beef, you bastards. This is cattle country".

Yours faithfully,  
JULIAN GAER,  
Flat 1, 3 Sinclair Gardens, W14.  
June 4.

## Switching off

From Dr Christopher Williams, JP

Sir, Are people without dogs, wives, guns or cars ever sent notices from the respective licensing authorities asking them to declare that they are without these appendages? No. So why must people without television sets suffer such an inquiry?

This "guilty until you declare you are innocent" approach is offensive and ineffective. Those harassed will include people with sight impairments, and people too poor to afford a television licence yet too honest to watch without one. Those who watch illegally are hardly likely to own up.

These inquiry forms have no legal status, and TV Licensing refuses to change its ways. I propose a national protest in support of those harassed – the bin.

Yours sincerely,  
C. WILLIAMS,  
University of Cambridge,  
Faculty of Social and  
Political Sciences,  
Free School Lane, Cambridge.  
June 4.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

### Call for pressure on Sudan regime

From Lieutenant-Colonel Neil Winship (retd)

Sir, Bernard Levin (article, May 31) ends his incredible, shocking and – I am sure from personal experience – true report on the Sudan by asking what we can do. I suggest the cessation of trade and aid from charities as well as governments wherever it enters under the control of the Khartoum regime.

Southern Sudan can be linked logically with Kenya, Uganda and Zaire just as easily as with the North of Sudan; it was very nearly linked politically as well when the British were preparing Sudan for independence. The Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement and Army (SPLA), which controls an area the size of France, has as much legitimacy as the Khartoum regime, which unlawfully toppled Sadiq el Mahdi's government (a government itself which had no mandate from Southern voters).

It will be hard for aid agencies to stop their development projects among the innocent poor of the North. It was, however, abundantly clear during the aid rush of 1985-87 that humanitarian aid enabled Khartoum to devote more resources to oppressing the South than if it had not relieved the drought-caused famine in the North unaided. Aid through Khartoum and Port Sudan may try to target the rural poor in the North, but inevitably most of the wages and supporting expenditure goes to townsmen – those who would probably riot if farmers were paid a fair price for food.

Meanwhile the Khartoum regime arms the Mujahidin and other "friendly forces" who have habitually raided the South for slaves and do not have even the glimmer of morality and discipline found in the Sudanese

(Northern) Army.

The Archbishop of Canterbury gave us a lead by refusing to bow to Khartoum over his visit to the South (leading article, December 30, 1993) and then with a clarion call for Muslim/Christian tolerance and peaceful co-existence (leading article, October 11, 1995) during his delayed visit to the North.

Yours faithfully,  
NEIL WINSHIP  
(Ad worker,  
Band Aid/World Vision, 1985-87),  
West Hill, Copdock, Ipswich, Suffolk.  
June 2.

From Mr Bona Malwal

Sir, In answer to Mr Levin's pertinent question, "what can we do against savages?", for a start, the present mild United Nations sanctions against the National Islamic Front (NIF) regime in Khartoum should be tightened by including an arms embargo, and by creating safe and secure humanitarian relief corridors in the war-affected areas of the country to prevent the regime from disrupting relief to the needy.

Such actions would go some way to reinforce and strengthen the brave efforts of individual humanitarian and human-rights organisations like Christian Solidarity International and its United Kingdom president, Baroness Caroline Cox. Furthermore, the international community should encourage the efforts of the Sudanese National Democratic Alliance (NDA) which are aimed at restoring peace to the country.

Yours faithfully,  
BONA MALWAL (Editor),  
*Sudan Democratic Gazette*,  
PO Box 2295, London W14 0ND.  
June 3.

### Sale of television rights for sport

From the Chief Executive of the Rugby Football League and others

Sir, We believe that legislation should not attempt to remove from us our power to negotiate the sale of broadcasting rights. We have been meeting to see how such issues, especially the allocation of highlights of important events, can best be decided.

Different events have their own characteristics and requirements; it is difficult for blanket legislation to provide adequately for, say, a three-minute horse race, a one-day cricket series, a four-day golf tournament and a fortnight-long tennis tournament.

The extension of listed events to subscription television would cause serious financial loss to the sports covered, but to extend statutory powers to cover highlights as well would deal a body blow to British sport.

In consultation with the Sports Council, the sports governing bodies have agreed to a voluntary code of conduct to cover the sale of live, recorded and highlights to terrestrial and satellite channels. It seeks to strike an appropriate balance between best commercial advantage and the wider long-term interests of sports and the sporting public.

The existing arrangements of the Test and County Cricket Board, the Football Association and the Rugby Football Union already reflect the balance between terrestrial and satellite which the code requires, while the Royal & Ancient Golf Club has made a commitment to retain the Open Championship on terrestrial television during renegotiation of the contract this year.

We trust that the House of Commons standing committee which is examining the Broadcasting Bill will accept that the governing bodies of sport will stand by this undertaking to conduct negotiations for television contracts responsibly.

Yours faithfully,  
MAURICE LINDSAY  
(Chief Executive, Rugby Football League).

MICHAEL BONALLACK  
(Secretary, Royal & Ancient  
Golf Club of St Andrews).

TONY HALLETT  
(Secretary, Rugby Football Union).

STANLEY JACKSON  
(Managing Director, Race Course Association).

GRAHAM KELLY  
(Chief Executive, The Football Association).

PETER RADFORD  
(Executive Chairman, British Athletics Federation).

KEN SCHOFIELD  
(Executive Director, PGA European Tour).

ALAN SMITH  
(Chief Executive, TCCB, c/o The Central Council of Physical Recreation, Francis House, Francis Street, SW).

June 5.

### Democracy and reform of the Lords

From the Director of Charter 88

Sir, Roger Scruton seems to argue (article, May 29) that a person's opinion should count because of their material or social position, and if this is swept away by "democracy" it inevitably leads to the tyranny of the majority (a prospect that would not be welcome by Charter 88).

The founding fathers of the American Republic thought long and hard about the problems of majoritarian rule and passed a Bill of Rights as an amendment to their constitution to protect individuals against any such tyranny. A genuinely pluralist democracy will not give additional weight to people because of money or birth, nor will it assume the majority is always right, but it will, through a combination of institutions and culture, strike a balance between majority and minority interests.

There is nothing "continental" about the institutions and culture of democracy. The ideas of the separation of powers, of representative democracy, of a charter of rights, of the rule of law, all have a long historical lineage in English political thought. British representatives have probably drafted more constitutions for more countries since the Second World War than any other comparable body of public servants.

The European Convention on Human Rights was drafted by British civil servants and reflected the values and principles of common law liberty. Many of the most important post-war human-rights treaties reflect "our" values and beliefs. It is sensible to accept, having drafted so much and thought so much about the governing arrangements of others, that we take time to reflect upon our own.

The issue is not Charter 88's support, which is a lot broader than Roger Scruton may imagine. The real issue is the growing public concern about the way we are governed. From the concerns of the Scott report to the power of unelected quangos there is a tangible sense of decay in our political institutions. These are not minority concerns, or the grievances of a few seeking power. These are, as opinion polls make clear, the concerns of the majority of the people in this country.

The task for organisations like Charter 88 is to turn these wider concerns into realistic, practical and incremental proposals of change.

Roger Scruton is right to say that constitutional reform must express and reflect a wide consensus. But this is not an argument against change. Rolling constitutional change is a feature of the British political system regardless of the party in power. The next stage of that change must involve a more democratic and representative parliament, the protection of human rights in law and a substantial decentralisation of power from Westminster.

Yours faithfully,  
ANDREW PUDDDEPHATT  
(Director, Charter 88,  
Exmouth House,  
3-11 Pine Street, EC1).  
June 4.

From Dr Brian Porter

Sir, Professor Colin Harbury's suggestion (letter, May 20) that the House of Lords might be reformed on the basis of proportional representation could be realised by the simple expedient of introducing weighted voting in the House.

If, after every general election, and for the duration of that Parliament, peers taking the whip were allotted a ratio of votes proportional to the voting strengths of their parties in the country, with perhaps 20 per cent reserved for crossbenchers, not only would there be no need to alter the present composition of the House, but its present acute party bias would be removed at a stroke.

In this way might the Lords reflect an alternative democratic principle whereby voters supporting losing parliamentary candidates would not feel that their votes had been wasted.

Yours faithfully,  
BRIAN PORTER,  
University of Kent,  
Department of Politics  
and International Relations,  
Canterbury, Kent.  
May 24.

### Witness support

From

the Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Sir, The Presidents of the British Psychological Society and of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers both advocate specific training in courtroom technique for expert witnesses at trials (letters, May 30, June 1). My institute and the Academy of Experts, with various others, have been providing such training over a number of years.

As an arbitrator, however, I have this dilemma: should I ask a witness if he has been trained professionally to give me a convincing presentation? How should I consider the evidence of someone who has been trained to give it?

Yours faithfully,  
GEOFFREY HARTWELL,  
Chairman,  
The Chartered Institute of  
Arbitrators,  
International Arbitration Centre,  
24 Angel Gate, EC1.  
June 4.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number – 0171-782 5046.

But your average precociously artistic Etonian would not find his work reviewed by the arts correspondent of a national newspaper. If the privacy line is to be held it must be total. Royal privacy cannot work on the basis of the media being helped to write nice things about the Prince's schooling, but being expected to leave all other aspects of his life alone.

Yours faithfully,  
HUGH STEPHENSON,  
City University,  
Department of Journalism,  
Northampton Square, EC1.

21

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL LLOYD  
(Chaplain),  
Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.  
June 5.

### Wonders of the world

From the Reverend Michael Lloyd

Sir, The Yorkshire cricketers to whom Dr Goldberg refers (letter, June 5) would doubtless have felt very much at home on their visit to Niagara. Millions of gallons of water draining away with "howt to stop it" is surely what Yorkshire has become known for.

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL LLOYD  
(Chaplain),  
Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.  
June 5.



## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
June 5: The Honourable George Bush visited The Queen this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Ascot Mayfair Hotel, Hill Street, London W1.

His Royal Highness, President, Royal Mint Advisory Committee, later attended the Coin of the Year presentation at the Bank of England, London EC2.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, this evening attended the Charter Show, Designers 1996, Minerva, Dining at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, London SW1.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
June 5: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this evening took the Statue at the Ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household Division on Horse Guards, Whitehall, London SW1.

June 5: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Pectin Institute's new centre at Percy Circus, London WC1.

Later His Royal Highness, Patron, New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, visited the Association's Head Office, Globe House, 8 Curtain Road, London EC2, and afterwards visited the German Hospital, Hackney, London E8.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Counsel and Care, this evening attended the Annual General Meeting at Draper's Hall, Tregomorion Avenue, London EC2.

**YORK HOUSE**  
June 5: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, this afternoon attended an Air Force Board lunch, Kingston House, North Prince's Gate, London SW7.

The Duchess of Kent, this morning opened the new Magistrates' Court, Holbache Road, Oswestry, and was met on her arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire (Mr Algernon Heber-Percy).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited Currow School, Drump Road, Redruth.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon opened Bude and Stratton Community Project, Bude.

Her Royal Highness later visited A.W. Bent Limited, Healthcare Clothing and Textiles, Union Mill, Bude.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited Zeefig Limited, Lufcison Factory, King's Hill Industrial Estate, Bude.

Her Royal Highness subsequently attended a Garden Party for Cornwall County Association for the Blind at Trewithen, near Grampound.

**ST JAMES'S PALACE**

June 5: The Prince of Wales today undertook engagements to support investment in Wales.

His Royal Highness was received this morning by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes) and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent (Sir Richard Hanbury-Tenison) before opening the Second Severn Crossing.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the new Manufacturing Centre for AIWA (UK) Limited at the AIWA Technology Park, Newbridge.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a dinner at Highrove House for potential investors in Wales, brought together by the Welsh Development Agency.

## Royal engagements

The Queen will attend a garden party at Bagshot Park, Surrey, at 3.00 to mark the bicentenary of the Royal Army Chaplains Department. The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, will present the 1996 City & Guilds Prince Philip medal and silver and bronze wreaths to Bucklebury Park at 11.30; will attend a luncheon at the Connaught Hotel at 12.35; will visit the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore at 2.15, and, as president, will attend a service at St James's Palace at 6.30 to welcome delegations to the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth's seventeenth biennial conference.

The Princess Royal will be the reviewing officer at Founder's Day at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, at 10.00; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend a luncheon at the Landmark London Hotel, NW1, at 1.00. Later, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the Sail for Gold Ball at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 7.35.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
June 5: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this evening took the Statue at the Ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household Division on Horse Guards, Whitehall, London SW1.

June 5: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Pectin Institute's new centre at Percy Circus, London WC1.

Later His Royal Highness, Patron, New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, visited the Association's Head Office, Globe House, 8 Curtain Road, London EC2, and afterwards visited the German Hospital, Hackney, London E8.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Counsel and Care, this evening attended the Annual General Meeting at Draper's Hall, Tregomorion Avenue, London EC2.

**YORK HOUSE**  
June 5: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, this afternoon attended an Air Force Board lunch, Kingston House, North Prince's Gate, London SW7.

The Duchess of Kent, this morning opened the new Magistrates' Court, Holbache Road, Oswestry, and was met on her arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire (Mr Algernon Heber-Percy).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited Currow School, Drump Road, Redruth.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon opened Bude and Stratton Community Project, Bude.

Her Royal Highness later visited A.W. Bent Limited, Healthcare Clothing and Textiles, Union Mill, Bude.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited Zeefig Limited, Lufcison Factory, King's Hill Industrial Estate, Bude.

Her Royal Highness subsequently attended a Garden Party for Cornwall County Association for the Blind at Trewithen, near Grampound.

**ST JAMES'S PALACE**

June 5: The Prince of Wales today undertook engagements to support investment in Wales.

His Royal Highness was received this morning by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes) and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent (Sir Richard Hanbury-Tenison) before opening the Second Severn Crossing.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the new Manufacturing Centre for AIWA (UK) Limited at the AIWA Technology Park, Newbridge.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a dinner at Highrove House for potential investors in Wales, brought together by the Welsh Development Agency.

## Birthdays today

The King of the Belgians celebrates his 62nd birthday today.

Sir Derek Alun-Jones, company director, 63; Mrs Sara Banerji, writer, 64; Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, former president, British Academy, 87; Professor B. Bleaney, physicist, 81; Mr David Blunkett, MP, 49; Mr Bjorn Borg, tennis player, 40; Mr Lord Carrington, KG, CH, 77; Mr David Chipp, former Editor-in-Chief, Press Association, 69; Dame Ninette de Valois, DBE, CBE, founder, Royal Ballet, 98; Mr Paul Eddington, comedian, 59; Mr Miles Gautier, cricketer, 39; Lord Gladwyn of Cle, 66; Mr Iain Hamilton, composer, 74; Professor R.A. Humphreys, Latin American historian, 89; Mr J. Kay-Mount, former President of the States of Alderney, 62; Lord Kings Norton, 94; Mr Willie John McBride, former rugby player, 56; Sir Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, former MP, 65; The Marquess of Milford Haven, 35; Sir Douglas Morpeth, chartered accountant, 72; Sir Bryan Nicholson, former chairman, Post Office, 64; Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, 77; Dr M. Richardson, Principal, Graduate Society, Durham University, 56; Dr Ruth Sanger, haematologist, 78; Lord Stedman, 80; Mr Klaus Tenstedt, conductor, 70; Mr R.J. Tyrrell, chairman, The Home Office, 54; Mr Frank Tyson, former cricketer, 66; Miss Billie Whitelaw, actress, 64; Sir Donald Wilson, former chairman, North West Regional Health Authority, 74.

Later His Royal Highness, Patron, New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, visited the Association's Head Office, Globe House, 8 Curtain Road, London EC2, and afterwards visited the German Hospital, Hackney, London E8.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Counsel and Care, this evening attended the Annual General Meeting at Draper's Hall, Tregomorion Avenue, London EC2.

**YORK HOUSE**  
June 5: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, this afternoon attended an Air Force Board lunch, Kingston House, North Prince's Gate, London SW7.

The Duchess of Kent, this morning opened the new Magistrates' Court, Holbache Road, Oswestry, and was met on her arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire (Mr Algernon Heber-Percy).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited Currow School, Drump Road, Redruth.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon opened Bude and Stratton Community Project, Bude.

Her Royal Highness later visited A.W. Bent Limited, Healthcare Clothing and Textiles, Union Mill, Bude.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited Zeefig Limited, Lufcison Factory, King's Hill Industrial Estate, Bude.

Her Royal Highness subsequently attended a Garden Party for Cornwall County Association for the Blind at Trewithen, near Grampound.

**ST JAMES'S PALACE**

June 5: The Prince of Wales today undertook engagements to support investment in Wales.

His Royal Highness was received this morning by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes) and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent (Sir Richard Hanbury-Tenison) before opening the Second Severn Crossing.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the new Manufacturing Centre for AIWA (UK) Limited at the AIWA Technology Park, Newbridge.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a dinner at Highrove House for potential investors in Wales, brought together by the Welsh Development Agency.

Later His Royal Highness, Patron, New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, visited the Association's Head Office, Globe House, 8 Curtain Road, London EC2, and afterwards visited the German Hospital, Hackney, London E8.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Counsel and Care, this evening attended the Annual General Meeting at Draper's Hall, Tregomorion Avenue, London EC2.

**YORK HOUSE**

June 5: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, this afternoon attended an Air Force Board lunch, Kingston House, North Prince's Gate, London SW7.

The Duchess of Kent, this morning opened the new Magistrates' Court, Holbache Road, Oswestry, and was met on her arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire (Mr Algernon Heber-Percy).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited Currow School, Drump Road, Redruth.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon opened Bude and Stratton Community Project, Bude.

Her Royal Highness later visited A.W. Bent Limited, Healthcare Clothing and Textiles, Union Mill, Bude.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited Zeefig Limited, Lufcison Factory, King's Hill Industrial Estate, Bude.

Her Royal Highness subsequently attended a Garden Party for Cornwall County Association for the Blind at Trewithen, near Grampound.

**ST JAMES'S PALACE**

June 5: The Prince of Wales today undertook engagements to support investment in Wales.

His Royal Highness was received this morning by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes) and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent (Sir Richard Hanbury-Tenison) before opening the Second Severn Crossing.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the new Manufacturing Centre for AIWA (UK) Limited at the AIWA Technology Park, Newbridge.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a dinner at Highrove House for potential investors in Wales, brought together by the Welsh Development Agency.

Later His Royal Highness, Patron, New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, visited the Association's Head Office, Globe House, 8 Curtain Road, London EC2, and afterwards visited the German Hospital, Hackney, London E8.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Counsel and Care, this evening attended the Annual General Meeting at Draper's Hall, Tregomorion Avenue, London EC2.

**YORK HOUSE**

June 5: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, this afternoon attended an Air Force Board lunch, Kingston House, North Prince's Gate, London SW7.

The Duchess of Kent, this morning opened the new Magistrates' Court, Holbache Road, Oswestry, and was met on her arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire (Mr Algernon Heber-Percy).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited Currow School, Drump Road, Redruth.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon opened Bude and Stratton Community Project, Bude.

Her Royal Highness later visited A.W. Bent Limited, Healthcare Clothing and Textiles, Union Mill, Bude.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited Zeefig Limited, Lufcison Factory, King's Hill Industrial Estate, Bude.

Her Royal Highness subsequently attended a Garden Party for Cornwall County Association for the Blind at Trewithen, near Grampound.

**ST JAMES'S PALACE**

June 5: The Prince of Wales today undertook engagements to support investment in Wales.

His Royal Highness was received this morning by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes) and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent (Sir Richard Hanbury-Tenison) before opening the Second Severn Crossing.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the new Manufacturing Centre for AIWA (UK) Limited at the AIWA Technology Park, Newbridge.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a dinner at Highrove House for potential investors in Wales, brought together by the Welsh Development Agency.

Later His Royal Highness, Patron, New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, visited the Association's Head Office, Globe House, 8 Curtain Road, London EC2, and afterwards visited the German Hospital, Hackney, London E8.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Counsel and Care, this evening attended the Annual General Meeting at Draper's Hall, Tregomorion Avenue, London EC2.

**YORK HOUSE**

June 5: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, this afternoon attended an Air Force Board lunch, Kingston House, North Prince's Gate, London SW7.

The Duchess of Kent, this morning opened the new Magistrates' Court, Holbache Road, Oswestry, and was met on her arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire (Mr Algernon Heber-Percy).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited Currow School, Drump Road, Redruth.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon opened Bude and Stratton Community Project, Bude.

Her Royal Highness later visited A.W. Bent Limited, Healthcare Clothing and Textiles, Union Mill, Bude.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited Zeefig Limited, Lufcison Factory, King's Hill Industrial Estate, Bude.

Her Royal Highness subsequently attended a Garden Party for Cornwall County Association for the Blind at Trewithen, near Grampound.

**ST JAMES'S PALACE**

June 5: The Prince of Wales today undertook engagements to support investment in Wales.

His Royal Highness was received this morning by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes) and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent (Sir Richard Hanbury-Tenison) before opening the Second Severn Crossing.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the new Manufacturing Centre for AIWA (UK) Limited at the AIWA Technology Park, Newbridge.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a dinner at Highrove House for potential investors in Wales, brought together by the Welsh Development Agency.

Later His Royal Highness, Patron, New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, visited the Association's Head Office, Globe House, 8 Curtain Road, London EC2, and afterwards visited the German Hospital, Hackney, London E8.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Counsel and Care, this evening attended the Annual General Meeting at Draper's Hall, Tregomorion Avenue, London EC2.

**YORK HOUSE**

June 5: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, this afternoon attended an Air Force Board lunch, Kingston House, North Prince's Gate, London SW7.

The Duchess of Kent, this morning opened the new Magistrates' Court, Holbache Road, Oswestry, and was met on her arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire (Mr Algernon Heber-Percy).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited Currow School, Drump Road, Redruth.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon opened Bude and Stratton Community Project, Bude.

Her Royal Highness later visited A.W. Bent Limited, Healthcare Clothing and Textiles, Union Mill, Bude.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited Zeefig Limited, Lufcison Factory, King's Hill Industrial Estate, Bude.

Her Royal Highness subsequently attended a Garden Party for Cornwall County Association for the Blind at Trewithen, near Grampound.

**ST JAMES'S PALACE**



HERMANN KNIPPERTZ/ZIP

## NEWS

**Britain defies Brussels over beef**

■ Britain's battle with the European Union over beef turned into an angry stand-off last night after Brussels refused to make any further moves towards lifting the general export ban until John Major ends his policy of non-cooperation.

The European Commission agreed, as expected, to end the embargo on beef by-products, but Jacques Santer launched a fierce attack on Britain's "absurd" stance, which he claimed was breaking the EU's founding treaty. Pages 1, 21

**Blair admits smacking his children**

■ Tony Blair said that he smacked his children and believed corporal punishment was an appropriate way to maintain discipline. His admission to *Parent Magazine* delighted Right-wing Tories but his own politically correct backbenchers see it as a mild blot on his moral reputation. Page 1

**Ulster gap widens**

John Major and John Bruton held urgent discussions to try to close a widening gap between the British and Irish Governments over next week's Northern Ireland talks. Pages 2, 21

**Holiday girl drowned**

Rebecca Ramsey, aged five, was feared drowned after being swept away by a high tide while on holiday near Bude in Cornwall. She had been walking on the beach with her family. Page 3

**Diana mania**

Chicago television stations renamed their weather forecasts "Diana-casts" and adult spectators sobbed with emotion as the Princess of Wales continued her visit to America. Page 5

**Stone Age wine**

The discovery in Iran of an ancient retsina has pushed back the origin of wine by 2,000 years. Traces were found in a jar dated about 5,000 BC. Pages 6, 21

**Football fear**

The FA's decision to drop strict controls on Euro 92 tickets and sell them on match days could lead to disorder, the national policing co-ordinator said. Page 8

**Premature exam**

Hundreds of A-level chemistry papers have been withdrawn from schools nationwide after a teacher allowed pupils to sit the examination early. Page 11

**Fearful groom's honeymoon is over**

■ A bridegroom showered with presents after announcing that he might die of cancer days after his wedding never had the disease. Doctors said Paul Challis had been suffering from an ear infection — not cancer of the cranium as he had claimed. Sympathetic businesses gave the bridal gown, cake, rings, a hired white Rolls-Royce and a champagne reception. Page 3



A photocall at the Bonn Foreign Ministry before talks which led to the lifting of the ban on British beef by-products yesterday. From left, Douglas Hogg, Malcolm Rifkind and Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister. Pages 1, 21

## BUSINESS

**Yorkshire Water**: The company came under fire after announcing record profits. However, it has promised to guarantee water supplies to all customers this year and to cut domestic bills. Page 25

**British Energy**: Advisers to the £1.5 billion-plus flotation have been forced to rewrite the prospectus just days before its publication. Page 25

**Lucas**: BBA, the engineering company, looks set to launch a takeover bid worth up to £2.65 billion for Lucas Industries. Page 25

**Markets**: The FT-SE 100 index fell 1.8 points to close at 373.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 86.5 to 86.4 after a fall from \$1.5497 to \$1.5487 and from DM2.3737 to DM2.3683. Page 28

**Gorbachev campaign**

Despite his low poll ratings, Mikhail Gorbachev is enjoying the Russian presidential campaign. He appears on television and addresses full halls. Page 16

**Genocide and sport**

A row about the Holocaust has broken out in France after the Olympic synchronised swimming team chose Nazi genocide as its theme for Atlanta. Page 17

**AA ROADWATCH**

For the latest AA traffic/watches information 24 hours a day, dial 0838 401 followed by the appropriate code:

Local traffic, roadworks: 731  
Area within M25: 732  
Kent/Surrey: 733  
Devon & Cornwall: 734  
Wiltshire/Avon/Somerset: 735  
Berkshire/Hampshire: 736  
Beds/Herts & Bucks: 737  
Norfolk/Suffolk/Cambs: 738  
West Mid & Shropshire & Gwent: 739  
Shropshire/Wales & W Dorset: 740  
East Midlands: 741  
Lincs & Humberside: 742  
Dyfed & Pembrokeshire: 743  
Gwynedd & Caernarfon: 744  
N W England: 745  
W & S Yorks & Derby: 746  
N & E England: 747  
Cumbria & Lake District: 748  
S W Scotland: 749  
W Central Scotland: 750  
Edinburgh & Lothians & Borders: 751  
E Central Scotland: 752  
Galloway & Highlands: 753  
N W Scotland: 754  
Clyde Valley & Shetland: 755  
N Ireland: 756

Weathercall is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic/watches information 24 hours a day, dial 0838 401 followed by the appropriate code:

Local traffic, roadworks: 731  
Area within M25: 732  
Kent/Surrey: 733  
Devon & Cornwall: 734  
Wiltshire/Avon/Somerset: 735  
Berkshire/Hampshire: 736  
Beds/Herts & Bucks: 737  
Norfolk/Suffolk/Cambs: 738  
West Mid & Shropshire & Gwent: 739  
Shropshire/Wales & W Dorset: 740  
East Midlands: 741  
Lincs & Humberside: 742  
Dyfed & Pembrokeshire: 743  
Gwynedd & Caernarfon: 744  
N W England: 745  
W & S Yorks & Derby: 746  
N & E England: 747  
Cumbria & Lake District: 748  
S W Scotland: 749  
W Central Scotland: 750  
Edinburgh & Lothians & Borders: 751  
E Central Scotland: 752  
Galloway & Highlands: 753  
N W Scotland: 754  
Clyde Valley & Shetland: 755  
N Ireland: 756

Weathercall is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic/watches information 24 hours a day, dial 0838 401 followed by the appropriate code:

Local traffic, roadworks: 731  
Area within M25: 732  
Kent/Surrey: 733  
Devon & Cornwall: 734  
Wiltshire/Avon/Somerset: 735  
Berkshire/Hampshire: 736  
Beds/Herts & Bucks: 737  
Norfolk/Suffolk/Cambs: 738  
West Mid & Shropshire & Gwent: 739  
Shropshire/Wales & W Dorset: 740  
East Midlands: 741  
Lincs & Humberside: 742  
Dyfed & Pembrokeshire: 743  
Gwynedd & Caernarfon: 744  
N W England: 745  
W & S Yorks & Derby: 746  
N & E England: 747  
Cumbria & Lake District: 748  
S W Scotland: 749  
W Central Scotland: 750  
Edinburgh & Lothians & Borders: 751  
E Central Scotland: 752  
Galloway & Highlands: 753  
N W Scotland: 754  
Clyde Valley & Shetland: 755  
N Ireland: 756

Weathercall is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic/watches information 24 hours a day, dial 0838 401 followed by the appropriate code:

Local traffic, roadworks: 731  
Area within M25: 732  
Kent/Surrey: 733  
Devon & Cornwall: 734  
Wiltshire/Avon/Somerset: 735  
Berkshire/Hampshire: 736  
Beds/Herts & Bucks: 737  
Norfolk/Suffolk/Cambs: 738  
West Mid & Shropshire & Gwent: 739  
Shropshire/Wales & W Dorset: 740  
East Midlands: 741  
Lincs & Humberside: 742  
Dyfed & Pembrokeshire: 743  
Gwynedd & Caernarfon: 744  
N W England: 745  
W & S Yorks & Derby: 746  
N & E England: 747  
Cumbria & Lake District: 748  
S W Scotland: 749  
W Central Scotland: 750  
Edinburgh & Lothians & Borders: 751  
E Central Scotland: 752  
Galloway & Highlands: 753  
N W Scotland: 754  
Clyde Valley & Shetland: 755  
N Ireland: 756

Weathercall is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic/watches information 24 hours a day, dial 0838 401 followed by the appropriate code:

Local traffic, roadworks: 731  
Area within M25: 732  
Kent/Surrey: 733  
Devon & Cornwall: 734  
Wiltshire/Avon/Somerset: 735  
Berkshire/Hampshire: 736  
Beds/Herts & Bucks: 737  
Norfolk/Suffolk/Cambs: 738  
West Mid & Shropshire & Gwent: 739  
Shropshire/Wales & W Dorset: 740  
East Midlands: 741  
Lincs & Humberside: 742  
Dyfed & Pembrokeshire: 743  
Gwynedd & Caernarfon: 744  
N W England: 745  
W & S Yorks & Derby: 746  
N & E England: 747  
Cumbria & Lake District: 748  
S W Scotland: 749  
W Central Scotland: 750  
Edinburgh & Lothians & Borders: 751  
E Central Scotland: 752  
Galloway & Highlands: 753  
N W Scotland: 754  
Clyde Valley & Shetland: 755  
N Ireland: 756

Weathercall is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic/watches information 24 hours a day, dial 0838 401 followed by the appropriate code:

Local traffic, roadworks: 731  
Area within M25: 732  
Kent/Surrey: 733  
Devon & Cornwall: 734  
Wiltshire/Avon/Somerset: 735  
Berkshire/Hampshire: 736  
Beds/Herts & Bucks: 737  
Norfolk/Suffolk/Cambs: 738  
West Mid & Shropshire & Gwent: 739  
Shropshire/Wales & W Dorset: 740  
East Midlands: 741  
Lincs & Humberside: 742  
Dyfed & Pembrokeshire: 743  
Gwynedd & Caernarfon: 744  
N W England: 745  
W & S Yorks & Derby: 746  
N & E England: 747  
Cumbria & Lake District: 748  
S W Scotland: 749  
W Central Scotland: 750  
Edinburgh & Lothians & Borders: 751  
E Central Scotland: 752  
Galloway & Highlands: 753  
N W Scotland: 754  
Clyde Valley & Shetland: 755  
N Ireland: 756

Weathercall is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic/watches information 24 hours a day, dial 0838 401 followed by the appropriate code:

Local traffic, roadworks: 731  
Area within M25: 732  
Kent/Surrey: 733  
Devon & Cornwall: 734  
Wiltshire/Avon/Somerset: 735  
Berkshire/Hampshire: 736  
Beds/Herts & Bucks: 737  
Norfolk/Suffolk/Cambs: 738  
West Mid & Shropshire & Gwent: 739  
Shropshire/Wales & W Dorset: 740  
East Midlands: 741  
Lincs & Humberside: 742  
Dyfed & Pembrokeshire: 743  
Gwynedd & Caernarfon: 744  
N W England: 745  
W & S Yorks & Derby: 746  
N & E England: 747  
Cumbria & Lake District: 748  
S W Scotland: 749  
W Central Scotland: 750  
Edinburgh & Lothians & Borders: 751  
E Central Scotland: 752  
Galloway & Highlands: 753  
N W Scotland: 754  
Clyde Valley & Shetland: 755  
N Ireland: 756

Weathercall is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic/watches information 24 hours a day, dial 0838 401 followed by the appropriate code:

Local traffic, roadworks: 731  
Area within M25: 732  
Kent/Surrey: 733  
Devon & Cornwall: 734  
Wiltshire/Avon/Somerset: 735  
Berkshire/Hampshire: 736  
Beds/Herts & Bucks: 737  
Norfolk/Suffolk/Cambs: 738  
West Mid & Shropshire & Gwent: 739  
Shropshire/Wales & W Dorset: 740  
East Midlands: 741  
Lincs & Humberside: 742  
Dyfed & Pembrokeshire: 743  
Gwynedd & Caernarfon: 744  
N W England: 745  
W & S Yorks & Derby: 746  
N & E England: 747  
Cumbria & Lake District: 748  
S W Scotland: 749  
W Central Scotland: 750  
Edinburgh & Lothians & Borders: 751  
E Central Scotland: 752  
Galloway & Highlands: 753  
N W Scotland: 754  
Clyde Valley & Shetland: 755  
N Ireland: 756

Weathercall is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic/watches information 24 hours a day, dial 0838 401 followed by the appropriate code:

Local traffic, roadworks: 731  
Area within M25: 732  
Kent/Surrey: 733  
Devon & Cornwall: 734  
Wiltshire/Avon/Somerset: 735  
Berkshire/Hampshire: 736  
Beds/Herts & Bucks: 737  
Norfolk/Suffolk/Cambs: 738  
West Mid & Shropshire & Gwent: 739  
Shropshire/Wales & W Dorset: 740  
East Midlands: 741  
Lincs & Humberside: 742  
Dyfed & Pembrokeshire: 743  
Gwynedd & Caernarfon: 744  
N W England: 745  
W & S Yorks & Derby: 746  
N & E England: 747  
Cumbria & Lake District: 748  
S W Scotland: 749  
W Central Scotland: 750  
Edinburgh & Lothians & Borders: 751  
E Central Scotland: 752  
Galloway & Highlands: 753  
N W Scotland: 754  
Clyde Valley & Shetland: 755  
N Ireland: 756

Weathercall is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic/watches information 24 hours a day, dial 0838 401 followed by the appropriate code:

Local traffic, roadworks: 731  
Area within M25: 732  
Kent/Surrey: 733  
Devon & Cornwall: 734  
Wiltshire/Avon/Somerset: